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Portfolio

There was no winner in The Times Portfolio competition yesterday. Today's prize is therefore increased to £4,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

Solicitors seek better image

The Law Society has appointed a firm of management consultants to review the society's work, functions and organization. The society is concerned about its image particularly over the conveyancing issue **Page 2**

GCHQ delay

The House of Lords has reserved judgment on the Civil Service unions' appeal against the ban on trade union membership at the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham, a decision is not expected for at least a month.

Mortgage hopes

Hopes of lower mortgage rates were raised after the building societies reported a sharp recovery to £887m in their receipts last month **Page 17**

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The Archbishop of Canterbury led a church delegation to see the Home Secretary to tell him that the British Nationality Act is affecting race relations adversely **Back page**

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Pertini's fears

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The sudden rise to prominence of Mr Grigory Romanov and the reemergence of Marshall Ogarkov have fuelled speculation about a new round of manoeuvring for power in the Kremlin **Page 7**

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Hateley picked

Mark Hateley, the AC Milan forward, has been called into the England team for tonight's opening World Cup group qualifying match against Finland at Wembley **Page 23**

Pit deputies' threat to halt the coal industry next week

● The coal industry faces total shutdown from next Thursday, when 16,000 pit deputies are expected to join the miners' strike

● A police sergeant has described how she was stoned, kicked and beaten by a mob besieging the police station in a Yorkshire pit village

● Fears of further pit action combined with a stronger dollar to push the pound below $1.20

● A national paramilitary police force is helping the Government to break the miners' strike, Mr John Alderson, former chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, has claimed (page 2)

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The coal industry, largely paralysed by the miners' strike now in its thirty-second week, faces total closure from October 25 because of the walk-out threatened by 16,000 pit deputies.

A decision to strike from 6am on that date was taken by the ten-men executive of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods) yesterday after the collapse of peace talks two days ago.

Nacods members are responsible for safety tasks under laws governing underground working, and without them the industry is expected swiftly to grind to a halt. The union is due to give the National Coal Board seven days' notice of strike action this morning, and two weeks' notice of withdrawals of safety cover.

Mr Peter McNestry, the union's general secretary, last night returned to Nacods headquarters in Doncaster to send out notice of the industrial action, which will be put to area meetings next Wednesday.

In a secret ballot last month the pit deputies voted 82.5 per cent in favour of a strike on a three-question voting paper which included their own battle with the coal board about not being paid for refusing to cross National Union of Mineworkers' picket lines, and the wider controversy over colliery closures.

The board has conceded the issue on payment for deputies who refuse to cross picket lines, withdrawing guidelines to area management. It sought to avert a Nacods strike by accepting reluctantly the union's proposal for an independent "final appeal" tribunal on pit closures in the abortive talks conducted under the auspices of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

Some coal board managers were optimistic last night that there would be a revolt against the strike decision, particularly in moderate areas such as Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and the Midlands, where most miners are still working in defiance of NUM instructions.

Mr Ian MacGregor, the board chairman, has predicted that whatever the Nacods leadership says, some deputies will continue to work. "They will not close all the pits," he predicted after the breakdown of talks.

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Leaders of the striking miners were making fresh efforts yesterday to step up the effect of their industrial action across a wider spectrum of industry.

Power station workers will be asked for more backing next week, and liaison with the TUC is being increased. There will now be weekly meetings with the TUC on the implementation of last month's Congress decision to give "total support" to the pit strike.

The NUM national executive unanimously confirmed previous decisions to continue the strike which began in Yorkshire on March 14, and repeated the union's hard-line terms for a settlement. Mr Arthur Scargill, the mineworkers' president, said: "We have no concessions to make. We cannot compromise on this threat to assassinate us."

The NUM is relying on support from three manual unions in the power stations to increase industrial action throughout industry, but the leader of a fourth union last night predicted that Mr Scargill's efforts would fail.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, said that indications from his members in the generating industry who are being balloted on sympathetic action suggested an overwhelming "No".

Votes in the EETPU ballot will be counted on Friday, several days before the engineering, transport and General and Municipal Workers' unions hold talks with the NUM on "blacking" the movement of coal, coke and fuel oil across official workers' picket lines.

● Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, said that ministers had intervened at the weekend to inhibit or forbid a settlement during the ACAS negotiations (our Lobby Reporter writes).

He added that there would be no breakthrough until the coal board's "hit-list" of 20) pits marked for closure over the next 12 months was withdrawn, and the procedures for negotiating pit closures were re-established.

Mr Kinnock said that the country had been misled by the Government's claims about redundancy terms and investment and he criticized the inflexibility of the Government for helping to create an environment of conflict.



Royal furs: The Queen arriving at Heathrow yesterday from the United States. (Photograph: John Voos).

Thatcher and Kinnock unite against IRA

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister and Mr Neil Kinnock stood together in the House of Lords yesterday in a display of unity and defiance of terrorism as Lord Whitelaw made a statement about last Friday's bombing of the Grand Hotel, Brighton.

Mr Kinnock, who had earlier been sitting on the steps of the Throne at the other end of the Chamber moved round to the Bar of the House to stand with other senior figures, including Mrs Thatcher; Mr John Biffen, leader of the Commons; Mr John Gummer, Conservative Party chairman; and his colleague Mr Peter Shore, chief Labour spokesman on trade and industry, whose opposite number, Mr Norman Tebbit, was injured in the blast.

The Lords, returning after the summer recess, was packed as Lord Whitelaw, deputy prime minister, said that an evil group had deliberately struck at the heart of the nation, but that they would find that they had "strengthened the overwhelmingly united resolve of a Government, Parliament and people determined to preserve their free democracy".

He promised that the circumstances of the bombing were being studied with meticulous care and the security implications explored to the full.

Lord Whitelaw, who disclosed that parts of the police inquiry into security at the Grand were likely to be published, gave brief details of the attack, named those died, offered sympathy to the bereaved, and expressed admiration for the emergency services' work.

He then repeated his view that "total, impregnable security is not compatible with the free society we enjoy." "We must continue to search for improvements in security arrangements but without calling into question the entire basis upon which public life in this country is conducted."

Lord Whitelaw also said that security at the Palace of Westminster had been tightened up after discussions between the parliamentary authorities and Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police commissioner.

It was apparent yesterday that there were far more police on duty inside Parliament and more security staff checking cars and baggage. Shortly before Lord Whitelaw's statement security guards carried out detailed checks in the Commons press gallery.

There were cheers as Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, said that in a free society a criminal attack upon one political party was an attack on all other parties. "An attempt to kill or injure the Prime Minister and members of an elected government is a profound affront to everything this country believes in and values. It is a wicked and grave act."

From the Alliance benches Lady Seear said: "If politics has become more dangerous we must take all the sensible steps we can to make it safer, but we must at all allow ourselves to be deflected from our main purposes".

Lord Whitelaw said that the support and encouragement of opposition parties had reemphasized that those who perpetrated action like the bombing would meet with the implacable hostility of a united Parliament and people.

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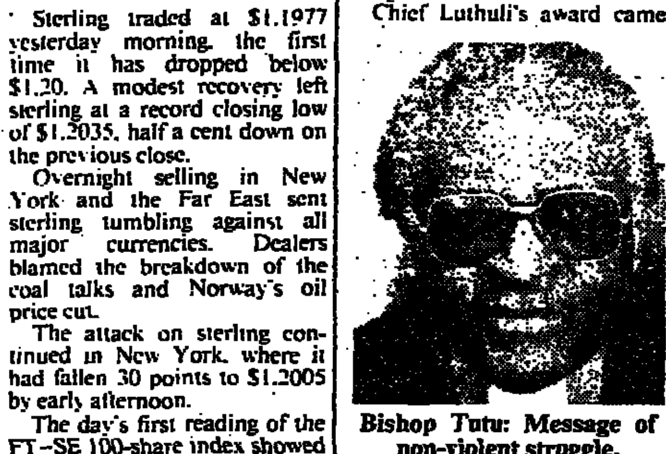
Peace prize honour for Bishop Tutu

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

This year's Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, in recognition of his leading role in the "non-violent struggle for the liberation" of South Africa's black population. He has been a nominee for the award twice before.

Bishop Tutu is the second South African to receive it. The first, in 1960, was Chief Albert Luthuli, the president general of the now-banned African National Congress from 1952 until his death in 1967, who was also recognized for his commitment to non-violent opposition to apartheid.

Chief Luthuli's award came



Bishop Tutu: Message of non-violent struggle.

at a time when the organization he nominally led, driven underground by government repression, had already passed into the control of less patient men. Bishop Tutu has also been honoured when his non-violent message seems to carry less and less conviction by militant young blacks.

In recent years, he himself has sometimes seemed to veer towards condoning armed resistance as a response to what he sees as the greater institutionalized violence of the apartheid state, with its denial of basic political rights and freedoms and mass removal of people in the pursuit of a racial separation.

Since becoming general secretary of the council in 1978, Bishop Tutu has been a persistently painful thorn in the Government's flesh in a country where religion has underpinned both apartheid and many of its most courageous opponents.

Under his leadership, the council, which embraces virtually all denominations other than the white Dutch reformed churches, has grown increasingly outspoken in its denunciation of apartheid as unbiblical and unchristian.

Earlier this year, a government commission of inquiry accused it of supporting revolutionary change and of misusing foreign donations for political ends. But it stopped short of recommending that it be banned.

In evidence to the commission, Bishop Tutu vigorously defended the right of the church to be involved in politics.

Bishop Tutu was born 53 years ago in a small Transvaal town. At first he followed in the footsteps of his schoolteacher father but abandoned teaching after the passage of the 1953 Bantu Education Act, which, in the words of the Prime Minister of the day, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, was based on the principle that Africans should nver be educated "above the level of certain forms of labour".

In the 1960s he took degrees in divinity and sociology at London University and served as a part-time curate at churches in Golders Green and Bletchingley in Surrey. He spent another three years in England in the early 1970s as associate director of the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches.

In 1975 he became the first black Anglican Dean of Johannesburg and was Bishop of Lesotho from 1976 until he took up his present post.

● OSLO: The chairman of the Nobel committee, Mr Egil Aarvik, broke with tradition yesterday by answering questions about the choice of Bishop Tutu for the peace prize (AP reports). When asked if the award was meant to influence developments in South Africa, he replied: "Yes, it is that, definitely."

Mob of 50 attacked woman sergeant

By Peter Davenport, Grimethorpe

A woman police officer described yesterday how she became the latest victim of the violence spilling over from the picket lines into the pit villages of south Yorkshire.

Sergeant Janet Smith, aged 35, was still nursing the injuries inflicted by a 50-strong mob who knocked her to the ground and then kicked and beat her on Monday. Her right arm was bandaged, there was a bruise over her left eye, and she was clearly shocked by her experience.

She said: "I am lucky to have escaped with the injuries I have. When I went down on the ground and the first boot went in, I thought: 'This is it.'"

Sergeant Smith, single, and an officer for 16 years, described her ordeal as terrifying, but she praised the decision of a male colleague not to go to her rescue. "I am glad he didn't try to help. With the mood they were in, he would have been lucky to ever get out of hospital."

Sergeant Smith yesterday: "It was terrifying".

The attack on the two officers was the worst incident in two days of simmering violence and street battles in the village of Grimethorpe, near Barnsley. Yesterday, Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of south Yorkshire, was trying to defuse the situation. He said that most of those involved had been teenagers.

"A certain element in the community are taking advantage of the current tensions and frustrations, and indulging in behaviour not normal in pit villages", Mr Wright said.

There was, he said, a "vicious little circle" of violence created by the spin-off tensions of the miners' strike.

There have been other outbreaks of violence in pit villages throughout South Yorkshire and senior officers are deeply concerned at the problems it poses for future relations. "As long as the strike goes on, I cannot see the situation getting any better", Mr Wright said.

Today senior police officers and councillors from the South Yorkshire police authority are to hold an open meeting in the Grimethorpe miners' welfare club to appeal for calm and to try to cool the situation.

The latest violence came after two police raids in the village on Sunday when 22 people were arrested and charged with trying to steal coal from the stockyard at the local colliery, which is solidly out on strike.

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Weak pound tumbles below $1.20

By David Smith and William Kay

Sterling traded at $1.1977 yesterday morning, the first time it has dropped below $1.20. A modest recovery left sterling at a record closing low of $1.2035, half a cent down on the previous close.

Overnight selling in New York and the Far East sent sterling tumbling against all major currencies. Dealers blamed the breakdown of the coal talks and Norway's oil price cut.

The attack on sterling continued in New York, where it had fallen 30 points to $1.2005 by early afternoon.

The day's first reading of the FT-SE 100-share index showed a fall of 18 points to 1,128.0. There was a slight recovery during the morning, but the index ended at its low point for the day, 21.7 down at 1,124.3. The FT 30-share index fell 15.0 to 866.6, its largest drop since September 4.

Gilt-edged stocks, swept by fears that the Government may be forced to raise interest rates, tumbled by £1¼ at their worst, but staged a late rally on hopes that Nacods (the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers) may not carry out its threatened strike.

Sterling was helped later in the day by news that the public sector borrowing requirement dropped to £633m last month, half its level of a year earlier.

The sterling index ended the day at 75.5, down 0.4

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Tebbit speaks of 'sheer horror' of bombing

By Chris Moncrieff of the Press Association

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, spoke for the first time yesterday about the "sheer horror" of the Grand Hotel bomb attack in Brighton early on Friday morning.

Mr Tebbit, who said he felt "a little bit ragged" was, however, unable to describe the events immediately after the explosion when he was dug out of the rubble after being buried for nearly four hours.

He was sitting up in bed yesterday in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, in Brighton, surrounded by more flowers than the hospital staff can ever remember having been sent to a single patient.

Beside his bed was a mountain of mail, messages of good will from thousands of people, all over the country, and beyond. "I will let you know how many there are by the kilo when I come out," he said.

But he avoided all reference to the trauma he suffered when the explosion occurred, also seriously injuring his wife Margaret, who lies in the same hospital still paralysed from the neck down.

Mr Tebbit, his face still bruised and scarred and his left hand heavily bandaged, seemed far more subdued than I expected. The adjective "chirpy"

Mrs Margaret Tebbit, paralysed from the neck down in the Brighton bombing, has regained some feeling in her arms and legs, a hospital bulletin said last night, although her condition was "generally unchanged". It was not likely that further indication of her recovery prospects would be available for some time.

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Hubbub in the Lion's Den as Grenada trial begins

From Christopher Thomas, St George's, Grenada

They came to the building known as the Lion's Den, next to Grenada's Richmond Hill prison, smiling, smart and handcuffed. The top people of the People's Revolutionary Government looked assured.

Eighteen men and a woman assembled in the dock before Chief Justice Archibald Nedd. Soldiers of the Caribbean peace-keeping force crowded at the open windows. The handcuffs came off. The defendants shook hands and hugged, united by the knowledge of what strange events were about to occur.

Mr Dennis Lambert, the court registrar, straightened his robes and 19 times read out the first of 11 murder charges: that on Wednesday, October 19, 1983, they did commit murder by intentionally causing the death of Maurice Bishop, the Prime Minister. The other 10 dead included Unison Whiteman, Foreign Minister; Jacqueline Croft, Education Minister; Norris Bain, Housing Minister and Vincent Noel, leader of the Grenada Workers' Union.

Six days after they died in a hail of gunfire, the United States invaded the island.

On the first charge, each of the defendants said variously that they did not recognize the legality or constitutionality of the court; that they were prisoners of war in an occupied country.

Mr Bernard Coard, the deputy Prime Minister who took over when Bishop was killed, tried to explain why he thought the court was not legal. "I'm not asking for a speech," the judge snapped. "Will you be quiet!"

After that, the defendants fell into a stony silence. "Guilty or not guilty, how say you?" Mr Lambert asked vainly.

Mr Delano Harrison, a Jamaican, was a defence attorney during earlier preliminary hearings, but he had not been retained for the trial.

"The reality of the situation will, I trust, become manifest in my attempt now to clarify definitively what I apprehend to be massive confusion, misinformation and speculation."

The reality, it emerged, was that he was in Grenada by "unmitigated coincidence", but in fact none of the defendants was any longer represented because they did not have enough money.

Or, as Mr Harrison put it: "I am advised, and see it as my duty – my duty – to advise this court, that relatives and manifest well-wishers who have been trying to marshal the requisite resources have every faith that they could attain their objective in another few months."

At this point, the judge remembered to tell the accused to sit down. It was getting very hot in the Lion's den.

"I respectfully, humbly and fervently hope that my appearance here today has been truly served," Mr Harrison said, bowing slightly.

Then it was the turn of Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips, for the prosecution. "The accused, either by the visitation of God or by malice, have refused to plead," he reflected.

The judge observed that "there is a motion challenging the legality, constitutionality, or validity, or whatever you wish to call it, of this court", and authorized legal aid for the defendants.

Mrs Phyllis Coard then fainted. Her husband leapt to his feet. "I regret to tell you there is a criminal who in fact is engaged in a reign of terror against all of us. ... This has been going on for one year".

Mrs Coard was by now coming round. She said she wanted to see the doctor of her choice. The judge said he would not hear her, and ordered a doctor to be called. Then he ordered another – one to be chosen by the defence, one by the prosecution. And he also ordered one for the court.

Mrs Coard said she had been on hunger strike. "She doesn't sound like an ill person," the judge said.

The case was adjourned to November 1, for the judge to consider the motion on the legality of the court.

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Solicitors in search of better image after 'disastrous' 18 months

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has appointed a leading company of management consultants, Coopers and Lybrand Associates, to carry out the first, radical review of the society's work, functions and organization.

The review is being conducted in the wake of what is widely held to have been a disastrous 18 months for the solicitors' professional body. As well as losing the conveyancing monopoly, the society came in for heavy criticism over the Glanville Davies affair, the case of the former council member struck off after overcharging a client by £131,000.

Yesterday, Mr David Miller, joint deputy managing director of Coopers and Lybrand's consultancy section, said: "The review stems from the difficulties the society finds itself in on many fronts."

"Obviously the image of the society is not right. There is concern within the profession and by the public about the way solicitors carry out their business; and one has to recognize that there is a public interest element in the role of a solicitor."

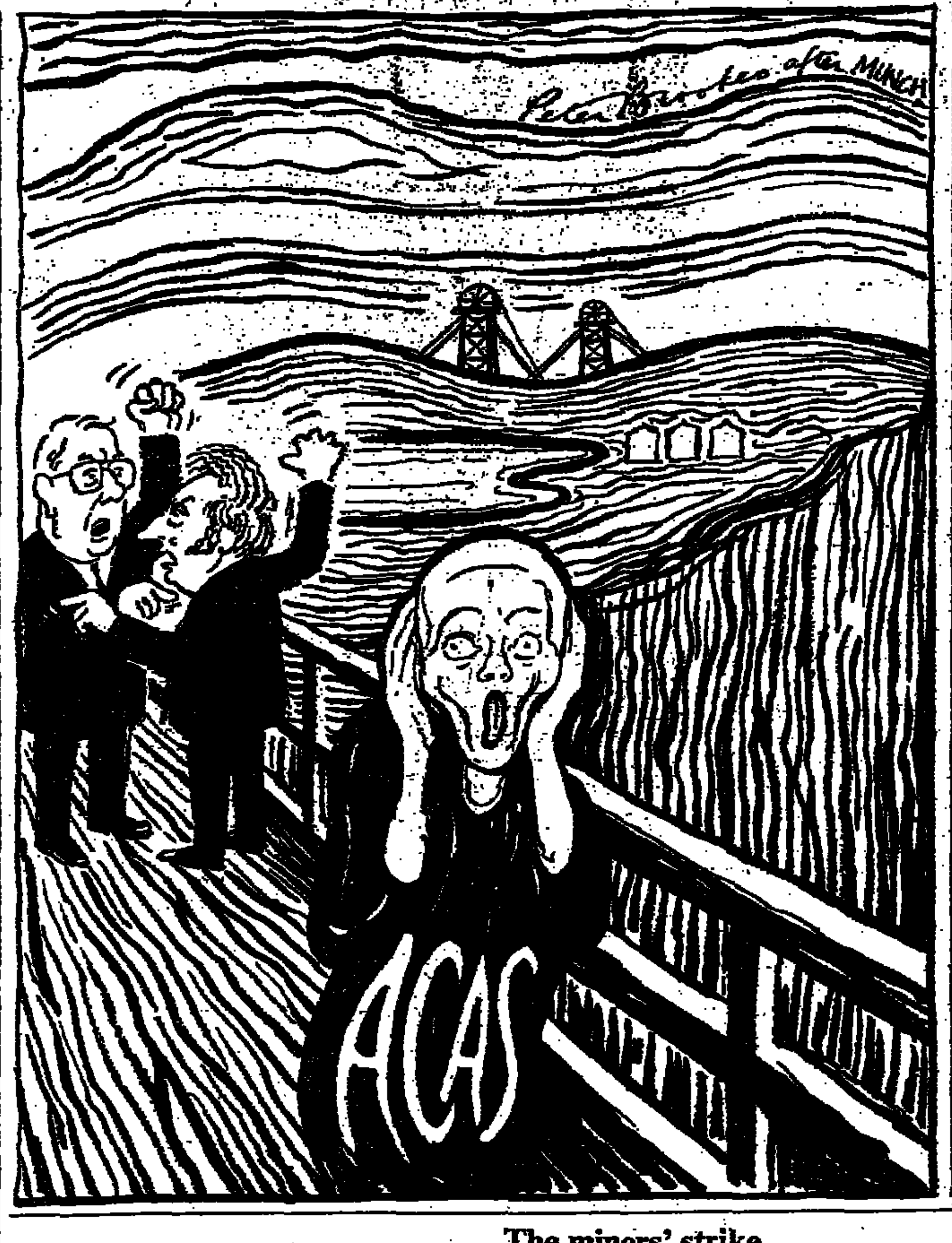
But he added that it was an "extremely positive step" that the profession was prepared to lay itself open to scrutiny in a way that not many professions would do. "All the professions are undergoing major change at present, so this is a marvellous opportunity for the legal profession to position itself for the future at a time of moves towards property selling, multi-disciplinary offices and when legal services are going to assume greater prominence."

The consultants will start on a three-part review envisaged by the Law Society, looking at its role and functions. This will start next month under a team of eight and cost up to £89,000. They will work to a Law Society steering committee which includes outside members such as Lord Bancroft, formerly head of the Home Civil Service. The committee chairman is Sir Christopher Hewetson, last year's president, who first announced the impending review.

The consultants are expected to recommend radical changes in the society's organization, and will look at how it carries out its functions, such as acting as a trades union for solicitors and disciplining and regulating the profession.

They will decide how much conflict there is between those and jobs such as running the legal aid scheme and recommend changes, which Mr Miller said he hoped to see implemented. "We are not interested in doing studies to sit on the shelf."

In a new approach, they will invite "evidence" from interested parties, both the profession and public, followed by "oral hearings" from some who have submitted evidence round the country in the company's offices. "At the end of it we should be able to make proposals for changes in the society's framework to bring solicitors forward into what will be a very different next 10 years," Mr Miller said.



Workers angry at Austin Rover 4.7% pay offer

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Austin Rover's 28,000 manual carworkers were yesterday offered a two-year pay rise of 4.7 per cent each year in response to a straight 20 per cent claim.

Union leaders were last expressing their anger at the management offer at a time when they said the company's sales are booming. The company insisted that the award would match projected inflation.

Meanwhile the pay strike by nearly 13,000 out of 15,000 workers at Vauxhall continued with employees from the company's Ellesmere Port plant picketing the dockside at Hartlepool in an attempt to prevent products made by General Motors, Vauxhall's parent company, entering the country.

The pay demand by workers at Austin Rover was "almost irresponsible", Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of the company, told journalists at the Motor Show in Birmingham yesterday.

He said that he wanted the union to take the offer away and consider it carefully. Last night the two sides were still negotiating at a hotel near Warwick.

How claims are faring

VAUXHALL
July 19: Unions submit claim for "substantial" rise in wages and a reduction in working hours from 39 to 37½ hours.
August 23: Company responds with an 18-month offer a rise of 5 per cent for the first 12 months and an increase of 3 per cent on the new rate for another six months.
September 12: Company agrees to 12-month settlement with a £2 consolidation of bonus. Package estimated to be worth 7.5 per cent. Sporadic industrial action takes place towards the end of the month and further meetings.
October 9: Mass meetings at two of the three plants, Ellesmere Port and Luton, vote for a strike. Dunstable votes to work on, but key workers walk out and plant grinds to a halt. Nearly 13,000 out of the 15,000 strong workforce stop work.
October 11: National officials meet management. Deal clarified.
October 15: Mass meeting of 4,000 at Ellesmere Port votes to continued stoppage.
FORD
September 25: Union puts in claim for 14 per cent on basic rates plus other benefits.
October 19: Company due to reply.
JAGUAR
September 10: Claim for 17.5 per cent on basic rates etc.
October 8: Company replies with two-year deal which management says is worth 21 per cent over two years. Unions say deal is worth around 14 per cent over two years and is not acceptable.
October 11: Workforce follows trade union advice and rejects the offer.
October 19: Next scheduled negotiating meeting.
BL
October 8: Union submits 20 per cent claim.
October 16: Company replies with two-year offer of less than 5 per cent each year.

The Brighton bomb

Optimism over Mrs Tebbit

From Stewart Tendler
Brighton

The hospital bulletin on the seven injured victims of the Brighton bomb explosion issued last night indicated signs of optimism for Mrs Margaret Tebbit and Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip.

The bulletin said that the condition of Mrs Tebbit, wife of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was unchanged but "there has been some partial recovery of sensation in her limbs. It is not likely that a firmer indication of her prospects of recovery will be available for some time".

Mrs Tebbit was said to be cheerful. She was paralysed below the neck after the blast at the Grand Hotel last Friday.

She was seen yesterday by her husband and although there were suggestions Mr Norman Tebbit would leave hospital this week, the statement, from the Royal Sussex County Hospital, said it was unlikely he would be discharged until next week at the earliest.

The bulletin said Mr Wakeham was in intensive care, where his wounds were inspected and dressed. The muscles in his legs were found to be in better condition than expected and the vascular system, of blood vessels, was intact. The MP's legs were immobilized in plaster of paris. The bulletin said: "No bones were broken. These findings suggest a prospect of good recovery."

Late on Monday night Mrs McLean was taken into the intensive care unit and yesterday the bulletin said she had developed chest complications and was remaining in the unit. Her husband condition was said to be stable, and he was making progress.

Mrs Mabel Delamott is said to have had a good day and her condition was improving. Mrs Frances Day, who has back and facial injuries, was reported to be cheerful.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, with other church leaders, have called for prayers in all churches on Sunday "in thanksgiving for the preservation of our lawfully constituted Government" and in memory of the victims of the Brighton bomb attack.

At the blast scene, the police search for evidence and clues in the rubble of the hotel has turned into a race against bad weather and a struggle with safety problems.

Commander William Hucklesby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, who has had a specialist team sifting through the wreckage of the seafront hotel, said "Our main problem is that we are really up against time."

The weather had been fine or dry since the bombing, but he said rain, which is forecast soon, would wash away traces of explosives and small fragments of detonator or timer that the police are seeking.

● The increased security which may become a permanent feature around Mrs Margaret Thatcher was in operation today when she attended a memorial service for Lord Vaizey, once one of her closest advisers

● Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who narrowly escaped the hotel blast, yesterday warned American businessmen against any US support for the IRA, which he said was a terrorist organization "in all its forms".

Sir Geoffrey told the American Chamber of Commerce in London that both Britain and the US had suffered greatly in the recent past "from the ghastly effects of terrorism in one or other of its detestable guises.

Tight airport security as Queen returns from US

By Alan Hamilton

The Queen, who returned from her private holiday in the United States yesterday amid greatly increased security at Heathrow airport, has no immediate plans to meet the Prime Minister in spite of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's narrow escape from assassinaton in Brighton last week.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that because Parliament was still in recess, the regular Tuesday evening audience between the Queen and Mrs Thatcher would not be resumed until October 30. But the two will meet next Tuesday when President Mitterrand pays a state visit to Britain.

A palace spokesman said that there had been no question of the Queen cutting short her American holiday when she received news of the bomb attack.

The Queen immediately sent a message of sympathy through her private office to Mrs Thatcher, but did not telephone the Prime Minister to express her feelings until late on Sunday.

According to palace officials, the private offices of the two women had been in close touch throughout the weekend, and the Queen had waited until Mrs Thatcher was free of other engagements before speaking to her personally. Letters, page 15

The miners' strike

Police paramilitary now, Alderson says

By David Cross

Britain now has what amounts to a paramilitary police force under national control, helping the Government to break the miners' strike, according to Mr John Alderson, former chief constable of Devon and Cornwall.

He is interviewed in tonight's edition of the Channel Four programme, *Diverse Reports*, a platform for those concerned about what they regard as a fundamental change in policing tactics since the strike began nearly eight months ago.

"For the first time", Mr Alderson says, "we have seen the police having to resort to some kind of paramilitary style of policing, which we have always associated with continental police forces and always prided ourselves on having avoided having to introduce."

£150m policing cost

The other change which worries him is the introduction of "national control of the policing operations from the centre", a matter "raising issues of accountability and control", he says.

The cost so far of policing the miners' dispute has reached £150m for English and Welsh forces (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

Most of that involves the 35 forces in England and Wales outside London and the metropolitan counties. The latest figure compiled for the Association of County Councils is £120m, compared with £78m at the end of July and £95m at the beginning of September.

The rest of the cost is largely accounted for by the forces of Greater Manchester, West Midlands, Merseyside, Northumbria, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and the Metropolitan Police.

The cost of policing the dispute for five Scottish forces involved is estimated to be more than £3m.

● The Derbyshire police authority, which owes Dyfed-Powys police £63,000 for their support on picket line duty, is refusing to pay. It says that the Government should meet the cost.

Poland breaks deal limiting imports

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

An agreement limiting coal exports to Britain during the miners' strike has been broken.

Poland, which is also understood to be ignoring requests from Russia to send more coal before the winter, hopes to earn more hard currency from Britain.

The Polish deputy foreign trade minister has confirmed that an agreement was given to the National Union of Mineworkers in March that exports would be limited to 705,000 tonnes. Almost one million tonnes have been delivered and by the end of the year that could be nearer 1,200,000 tonnes.

Exports have been restricted because the major coal export terminal at Gdansk was unable to operate at full capacity during July and August because of shortages of spare parts.

The coal trade is working to replace supplies from the National Coal Board with imports from Poland. The Scottish domestic market is almost all being met from Poland, the United States and Australia.

Producers in Kentucky are willing to supply British merchants, but a shortage of port facilities and road transport is hindering imports.

Major industrial users, such as the car industry in the Midlands, the paper industry and cement works, have about six weeks supply in stock.

Output from the working coal-fields is running 40 per cent of normal, but industry's main fear is that road haulage contractors will be involved in sympathetic action.

The Central Electricity Generating Board has 15 million tonnes in stocks and there is not immediate prospect of power cuts.

● Road hauliers are confident they can move enough coal to keep the power stations going if the Government decides to shift some of the estimated 27 million tonnes stocked at pitheads (Our Transport Editor writes).

● A paragraph in our main report on the coal talks failure yesterday inadvertently omitted in some editions quotation marks which would have made it clear that allegations of government intervention were a direct extract from an NUM statement and not an interpretation by the writer of the report.

No drift back to work

Striking miners appeared to be in no rush to return to work yesterday after the breakdown of peace talks earlier this week.

The National Coal Board had hoped that the prospect of further unlimited weeks on strike would encourage them to drift back to work.

The coal board admitted: "There is nothing more than a trickle back to work. It appears that the miners are waiting to see whether the pit deputies turn up for work tomorrow before they make any move."

However, in north Derbyshire, 1,027 miners turned out for work, the highest figure in the area since the strike began. In Scotland, 336 men turned out for duty, more than at any time since the strike began 32 weeks ago.

Altogether 45 pits in Britain were working normally yesterday, ten were producing some coal, 23 had some men working, and 96 were on strike or picketed out – all figures exactly the same as Monday.

● Striking Yorkshite miners blocked a main road with their cars for 30 minutes today when the police tried to turn them back as they headed for a pit in Nottinghamshire. Some police officers claimed that they were stoned during the incident.

The police said they stopped about 800 pickets from Yorkshire who were heading for the Shireoaks Colliery, in north Nottinghamshire.

● Production at the British Steel Corporation's Scunthorpe works is now higher than the target set by Mr Ian Mcgregor when he was chairman of the corporation four years ago.

● *Five miners on strike who* are accused of setting fire to a lorry park had their bail conditions altered yesterday so that they could go to work. Magistrates at Colchester, Essex, heard that all five had jobs repairing vehicles for the NUM.

● More than ninety striking miners at Sherwood colliery, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, were told yesterday that they are to be expelled from the NUM for failing to pay their subscriptions.

● A serious arson attack was being investigated by the police yesterday in the Community House in Duke Street, Creswell, Derbyshire, which is used as a food centre for striking miners.

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Plan for Coal not binding

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Plan for Coal, the expansionist blueprint drawn up in 1974 between the Labour government, the miners' union and the coal board, is not a legally binding document, according to labour lawyers yesterday.

They said that agreements between employers and employees are almost universally not legally enforceable unless they contain a clause stating that they are binding.

Mr Robert Simpson, a labour law lecturer at the London School of Economics, said that even with the Government as a third party to the plan, it was in the general term of a collective agreement between employers and employees, "the whole ethos of which is that they can't be enforced by suing in the courts".

The plan is being invoked by miners' leaders who want it to be used as a basis for settlement of the dispute.

Mr Simpson said that before 1971, it was a matter of common law that agreements between employers and employees were not enforceable. Then was then reversed by the Conservatives in the Industrial Relations Act 1971, section 34, so that agreements become legally binding unless there was a clause in them expressly stating to the contrary.

"As neither side wanted the agreements to be binding, there was a rush to insert such clauses into contracts", he said.

The Labour Government then reversed that principle once more in the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, section 18 of which states that such agreements are not binding without a clause stating the opposite.

Whether or not the Government was a party to the document he said, the intention of the Plan for Coal at that time "would certainly have been that it was not legally enforceable" and it was "highly unlikely" that an agrement with the Labour government could have been intended to be otherwise.

Gas-cooled reactor option 'open'

By Our Energy Correspondent

The electricity supply industry has not abandoned its research into or enthusiasm for advanced gas-cooled nuclear reactors because of its proposed pressurized water-cooled reactor at Sizewell, the public inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr John Baker, one of four full-time members of the Central Electricity Generating Board, said that the option to build further AGRs would not be prejudiced by the proposal or by building similar PWRs.

Opponents of water-cooled reachers say that gas-cooled ones are a viable alternative, pointing to the success of the Hunterston AGR in Scotland which is helping the South of Scotland Electricity Board to meet 40 per cent of demand from nuclear stations. The board, which is building another gas-cooled reactor Inverness, is also exporting nuclear-generated power to England and Wales.

Mr Baker said that work on existing gas-cooled reactors provided a solid basis on which to launch a further one. Those in England are operating at maximum capacity and are helping to preserve coal stocks.

He said that the AGR option could be kept open because of the availability of fully-documented design.

However, Mr Baker argued that a pressurized water-cooled reactor could be between £30m and £50m a year cheaper. Subsequent PWRs would also be more economical.

Record advance sales claimed for cook book

The BBC yesterday claimed to have achieved the highest sale in advance of publication for any non-fiction book published in Britain. The book is a primer in Oriental cuisine, *Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery*.

Bookshops have already ordered a quarter of a million copies, an investment on their part of £1.25m.

The book, which is to be published on October 25, accompanies a BBC2 television series starting on October 29, and follows the model set by *Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery*, the book of which topped the best-seller charts for weeks.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150.

Peers' last stand on police Bill

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government will face a determined last attempt tomorrow by Opposition peers to force a change about the proposed new rules which would enable the police to deny access to a solicitor for certain suspects in police custody.

Under the new rules, contained in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, police can deny legal advice to suspects for up to 36 hours in the case of a serious arrestable offence.

But Lord Mishcon, the Labour peer, Lord Elwyn-Jones, the former Lord Chancellor, and Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, the SDP/Alliance peer, have tabled amendments for debate at the Bill's third reading which would give solicitors greater access to suspects.

The Law Society tried to reach a compromise solution in talks with the Home Office when it put forward several options aimed at enabling solicitors to see suspects while meeting police fears about leaks via lawyers to other criminals.

However, no agreement was reached and the society hopes the Government will be forced to change its stance at the third reading in the Lords.

Lord Mishcon and Lord Elwyn-Jones are tabling a blanket amendment that there be no restriction at all on a suspect's right to see a solicitor except in terrorist cases.

They are also tabling a second amendment under which solicitors would be allowed to see suspects but police have power to serve notice on them prohibiting them from communicating information received.

The Bill is expected to receive Royal Assent by the end of October

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Duke of Wellington's photograph goes up for sale

The Duke of Wellington, who hounded Napoleon out of the Peninsula and defeated him at Waterloo, going on to achieve renewed greatness as an "iron" Tory prime minister, would nomally be thought of as a figure predating the era of photography. However, he sat for a Daguerreotype portrait in London on May 1, 1844, to Antoine Claudet, a pioneering practitioner of the art invented a year or two earlier by Daguerre. The duke was 75 (Geraldine Norman, our Sale Room Correspondent, writes).

Only two prints of the photograph are known to exist, and one of them comes up for sale at Sotheby's on Friday, October 26.

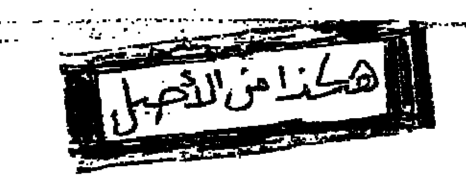
Sotheby's have tried to place its history together from copies of documents collected by the father of present owner, Mr EJ Denny. He appears to have bought the oval print, which has a gilt matt mount and is enclosed in a plush-lined red leather case, at a Sotheby's sale either just before or just after the Second World War.

The other known print of the daguerreotype still belongs to the Wellington family, but it is not clear who originally commissioned the portrait. A minor print publisher of the day, Mr J Watson, of Vere Street, seems to have been behind it. An article in *The Times* for May 22, 1845, records that a portrait in oils was painted from the daguerreotype and that Watson gave them to a Mr Ryall to engrave a plate from them.

The creation of a painting from a photograph and an engraving from the painting is a curiosity and underlines the fact that the photographic process was in its infancy. Sotheby's has put an estimate of between £2,000 and £3,000 on the print.

● A pair of smart boots made about 1840 for the Prince of Wales, probably as a presentation or gift, was sold at Christie's, South Kensington, yesterday for £2,000 (estimate £200-£300). The boots were bought by Forman of Piccadilly, dealers in militaria.

The infant prince, who became Edward VII, was presented with the boots, which are 5.5in long and 8in high. The heels are stamped in gold with the Prince of Wales's feathers. They have a patent leather galosh and satin leggings embroidered with crowns, feathers, and garlands of rosebuds.



Doctors call for end to all advertising by tobacco companies

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association yesterday launched a campaign to end all advertising, promotion and sponsorship by the tobacco companies, and called for tougher and more realistic health warnings on tobacco products.

Describing the existing voluntary agreements on advertising and sports sponsorship, which expires at the end of the next year and in early 1986, as a "farce" and a "sick joke", the association said that it wanted legislation to ban all advertising, including that in shops.

The legislation should also *ban all* promotional arts and sports sponsorship by tobacco companies. That would end advertising and promotional expenditure estimated by the association to cost £150m a year.

To promote the campaign, black-edged postcards are to be distributed to doctors to be sent to MPs when a patient dies prematurely from smoking, saying: "One of your constituents died today. I am writing to tell you this because his/her death was premature and was caused by smoking."

The BBC and Independent Broadcasting Authority are to be asked to act over televising tobacco-sponsored events, the Government is to be asked to close the tobacco industry-sponsored Health Promotion Research Trust, which excludes research on the effects of smoking from its grants, and the association is to approach women's magazines to broadcast the risks of smoking.

It also wants the health warning on cigarettes moved from the side of the packet to the front and the wording toughened to include [brand names], for example: "These cigarettes can kill you, by causing cancer and other diseases."

Dr John Harvard, secretary of the BMA, said: "Advertising, sports and arts sponsorship, competitions, clothes bearing brand names and holidays are all part of the industry's attempt to fool their consumers into believing smoking is glamorous, healthy and desirable.

"These same consumers are our patients, and we know the *truth.: that smoking causes* appalling illness and so many unnecessary deaths that the figures of 100,000 premature deaths a year is almost beyond comprehension".

The time had come, he said, when doctors must speak out "or be guilty of collusion. Every day we delay in banning the promotional activities of this industry, on average another 274 premature deaths occur".

The campaign is the first time the association has directly taken on the tobacco industry. Dr Harvard said that the campaign was not an attempt to interfere with the freedom of the individual to smoke, but to end the promotion of cigarettes and tobacco. "We regard this as a vital piece of public health legislation."

Health hazards of the liquid lunch

The popular "liquid lunch" can seriously damage people's health, it was claimed yesterday at a Royal College of Physicians conference in London yesterday.

Although alcohol was rich in energy, heavy drinkers who did not eat a proper meal ran the risk of suffering damage to the brain, liver, stomach and intestines as well as cancer and wasting diseases.

Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, liver consultant at the Royal Free Hospital, in London said that a good daily diet for an alcoholic should include one multivitamin tablet and /or yeast, a carrot and an orange, as well as plenty of sunlight to compensate for a lack of vitamin D.

Women were at greater risk because their alcohol threshold was lower, she told the conference, which was organized by the Medical Council on Alcoholism.

Dr Allan Thomson, a senior lecturer at King's College Hospital in London, and editor of *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, said that alcoholic beverages, theoretically high in energy, were inadequate in replacing the nutrients in the alcoholic's diet.

People at risk did not include only down-and-outs, he said. Of the estimated million alcoholics in Britian, about 80 per cent were said to have a job. And brain damage had been found in people drinking half a bottle of whisky a day.

Blow from golf ball killed child

A golf ball struck Sarah Pickersgill, aged 22 months on the back of the head when she was with her family on a footpath by a golf course at Pudsey, near Leeds. She died in hospital a few days later, an inquest in Leeds was told yesterday.

The golfer, Mr Stuart Thornton, aged 40, told the inquest in a statement: "I played the shot wrong and the ball veered off to the left. I can't explain how it happened. When I was told the child had died, I was devastated and I still am".

The coroner, Mr Philip Gill, recorded a verdict of accidental death

Free course for women engineers

Strathclyde University is offering free tuition and £81 a week to women graduates who enrol on a 10-week training course *in engineering*.

The course, supported by the EEC social fund, has been designed for women graduates in engineering or physics, normally aged over 25, who want to return to professional engineering.

Resort votes to demolish pier

The 100-year-old pier at Skegness, Lincolnshire, is likely to be demolished A storm in 1978 damaged it

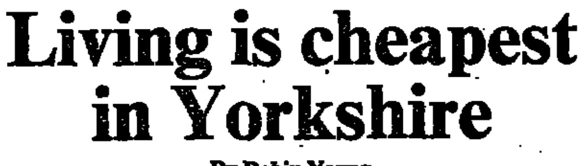
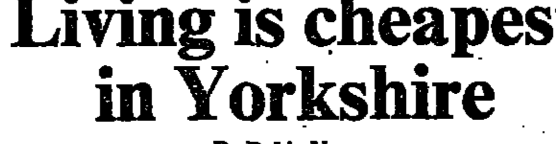
Town councillors have given permission "with sadness and regret" for the pier to be demolished. A decision will rest with the Department of the Environment.

Transplant flight

Cecilia Brandenfeldt, aged 14, who had a heart and lung transplant at Harefield Hospital, west London, six weeks ago, flew home to Sweden yesterday. She is the third person to have the operation, but the only survivor.

Theatre trainees

Twenty-five young unemployed, aged 16 to 18, are to be offered work in Yorkshire theatres for a year. They will be trained in theatre management, from box office to back stage.

Living is cheapest in Yorkshire

By Robin Young

A comparison in the costs of living in different British towns published today suggests that the good life is most easily found in Yorkshire, where shop prices are a twenty-fifth lower *than the national* average, and where overall living costs, including housing, are almost a sixth lower.

At the other end of the scale Londoners have to meet living costs more than a fifth above the national average, although London shop prices are very close to the mean. The biggest difference is made by house prices in the capital.

The highest shop prices were discovered in Hemel Hempstead (4.4 per cent above average). London was the most expensive place in Britain, and Aberdeen came second.

Conclusions drawn from the survey by the researchers, Reward Regional Surveys, are that a high cost of living does not lead to high employment, but that low pay does. Cost of living levels, the researchers say, follow pay and disposable income closely: but in Britain now the South is relatively prosperous, the north of England is depressed, and Scotland is not so badly off.

Increased mortgage rates have made it temporarily more favourable to be living in council accommodation, the report says, although council rents and rates are still rising faster than the general inflation rate.

When the survey was taken, in mid-September, it was found that coal prices had not been *affected markedly by the miners'* strike, but the report says that there is evidence that the British coal industry is in danger of pricing itself out of the home market as domestic charges have risen by four-fifths in five years.

**UK Regional Cost of Living Report* (Reward Regional Surveys Ltd, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffs. ST15 8BA, £35).

The Good Life Location Guide

The seven cheapest and most expensive areas in the United Kingdom *for a family in a private mortgaged* house are:

CHEAPEST	Overall	Shop Prices
	below UK average %	
Bradford	−17.5	−4.1
Billingham	−13.8	−4.0
Carlisle	−13.1	−2.5
Barnsley	−12.8	−2.5
Stafford	−12.5	−3.5
Rotherham	−11.9	−4.2
Larne	−11.9	+2.7

MOST EXPENSIVE	Overall	Shop Prices
	above UK average %	
London	+21.0	+0.7
Aberdeen	+19.8	+3.1
Woking	+18.8	+2.8
Watford	+18.3	−2.0
Welwyn G. C.	+16.6	+0.6
Hemel H'stead	+16.0	+4.4
Brighton	+14.3	+1.7

Registrar starts drive on personal computer data

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Corresponent

More than 200,000 computer systems holding pesonal data will need to be registered next year with the Data Protection Registrar who has just set up headquarters in Manchester, the new registry says.

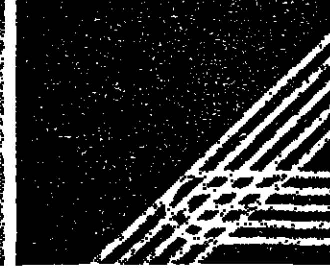
Mr Eric Howe, the registrar created with passage of the data protection legislation in the summer, is meeting user groups to give them guidance on the Act.

"I have about forty organizations to see before Christmas or early in the new year", Mr Howe says. Those groups will include the Confederation of British Industry, the building societies and the National Council for Civil Liberties.

More than forty staff are to be recruited for the offices in Manchester to help in the registration next year. Pamphlets are to be prepared by the registry

The legislation requires that certain types of data that identifies an individual will need to be registered. The date for registration has not been decided, but it is expected to be next summer.

The National Computing Centre has said that many people assume wrongly that because of the innocent nature of their data they will not be required to register. "In nearly every case they are mistaken", the centre says.

A logo for Arts Council

By Kenneth Gosling

A symbol based on the letter A (above right) was unveiled yesterday by the Arts Council as its new logo to publicize vital public funding of the arts.

It arose, the council's secretary-general, Mr Luke Rittner (left), said, from the need to review its corporate identity and help rationalize printing requirements and reduce costs.

The council spends about £90,000 a year on printing and stationery.

The design by The Jenkins Group was chosen from submissions by 12 consultancies. The Arts Mark should start appearing, normally in red, by April, when the council's development strategy comes into effect.

Council rejects Ombudsman on child's death

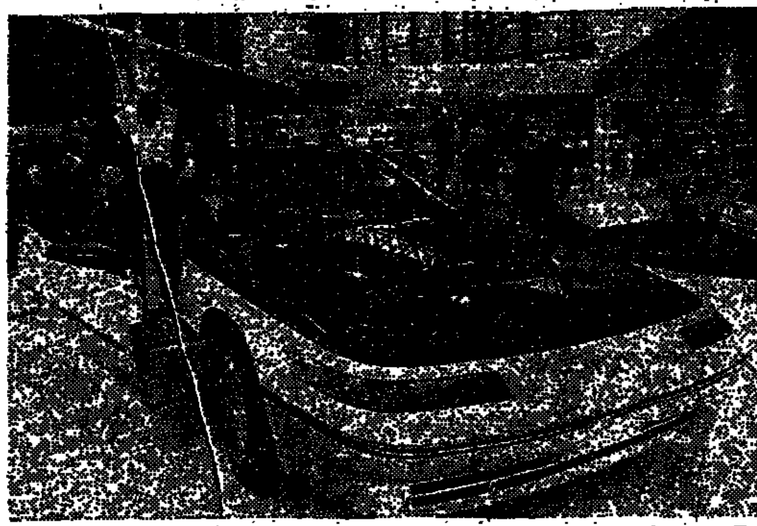
Cambridgeshire council, which has been criticized by the Local Government Ombudsman for maladministration in the case of a child battered to death, said yesterday it felt no responsibility for his death.

Jason Caesar, aged 20 months, died four years ago from hypothermia and a blow to the stomach

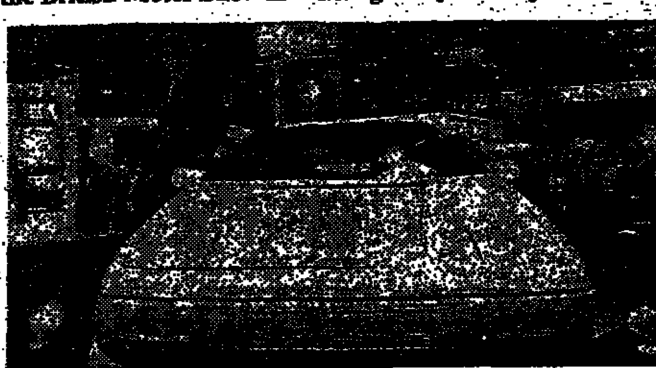
Tina Caesar and her lover, Andrew Clark, were each jailed for five years after being found guilty of manslaughter in November, 1981.

Cambridgeshire social services discussed the Ombudsman's report yesterday and accepted his findings and expressed their sincere regret at the maladministration.

But Mr John Barratt, the council's chief executive, said the Ombudsman should have concentrated on questions of procedure and not touched on decisions made by social workers.




Toyota's FXI (left) and the Peug Quasar (right) at the British Motor Show in Birmingham yesterday.

Nissan's NX21 (left) and the Lotus Etna Concept with its designer, Mr Giorgetto Giugiaro (Photographs: Bill Warhurst).

Motor show put on full security alert

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Motor industry chiefs attending the press preview of the British Motor Show in Birmingham yesterday were closely guarded and a tight security screen was drawn around the National Exhibition Centre.

Uniformed police, Special Branch and the centre's security force were put on full alert after a warning from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch that the show, which will be attended by an estimated 600,000 people in the next fortnight, could be a target for IRA bombers.

Worried by the possible effect on attendance, the organizers, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, played down the security restrictions. But Mr Kenneth Baker, the centre's chief security officer, confirmed that a 24-hour guard was being maintained on stands of all 700 exhibitors and dogs trained to smell explosives were making regular sweeps of the show halls and surrounding car parks.

Security will reach its peak on Saturday when Prince Michael performs the official opening. Today, Thursday and Friday are restricted trade days.

Last night a centre official said: "We have every confidence in the precautions being taken for Prince Michael's safety. This is the 34th royal visit, including two by the Queen.

Japanese attempts to steal the limelight with futuristic experimental models underlining the show's theme "Take A Trip Into Tomorrow", were thwarted by Lotus. Toyota's FX1 "Dream car", Nissan's NX 21 "A glimpse of the future" and Mazda's MXO2 "Tomorrow's car" will almost certainly never go into production.

But Mr David Wickins, the chairman of Lotus, sprang a surprise yesterday disclosing that his Etna Concept car is the prototype of a new range of Lotus performance cars which will go into production in 1988.

● Ford denied yesterday a claim by Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, that 5,000 Ford jobs in London were to go by the end of next year (Edward Townsend writes).

Mr Livingstone's accusations, delivered in a report to the council on the eve of motor show, said that trade unions believed that the Woolwich engine machining plant, the forge at Dagenham, and the spark-plug section at the Enfield factory, were under threat of closure.

But Ford said: "This is clearly a political statement, and bears no relation to our plans."

Between 1979 and 1983 Ford reduced its United Kingdom workforce by 24 per cent to its present level of 55,000, "but we make no secret of the fact that we still need to reduce our workforce to be competitive". The 5,000 was "pure speculation".

Fagan the fire hero praised in court

Mr Michael Fagan, the Buckingham Palace intruder, was commended yesterday for his bravery when a fire broke out.

Mr Fagan, aged 34, who sat on the Queen's bed and drank the Prince of Wales's wine, went into action to save his home in Arundel Square, Holloway, north London, when an arsonist struck, the Central Criminal Court heard.

He raised the alarm, made sure his neighbours were safe and with "great presence of mind and courage" tackled the flames single-handed.

Mr John Greaves, for the prosecution, praised Mr Fagan's role when Mrs Yvonne Capper, 28, unemployed, admitted setting fight to her first-floor flat in the house.

Mr Fagan, who stood in the dock two years ago for climbing into the palace, was chief prosecution witness in Mrs Capper's case. But he was not called to give evidence.

Mrs Capper, held in prison custody since starting the fire on Friday, July 13, was put on probation for two years.

Rings stolen at undertakers

An undertaker's assistant yesterday admitted stealing up to 100 wedding rings from bodies, during a period of almost five years.

Magistrates at Camborne, Cornwall, remanded Theodore Curnow, aged 54, on unconditional bail until November 6, pending a probation report.

Curnow, of Gwelmor, Camborne, on three specimen charges sold rings to a second-hand dealer for a total of £12, Mr Allen Knight for the prosecution, said.

Curnow's daugher, Angera Gray, aged 30, of Chypraze Court Treswithian, Camborne, denies helping him dispose of stolen property and was remanded on bail, until November 6.

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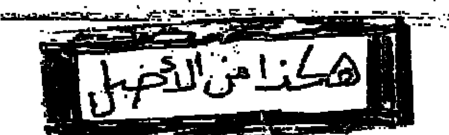
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Inland Revenue wins right to claim £75m of Clore estate

A High Court judge cleared the way yesterday for the Inland Revenue to stake a £75m claim to the late Sir Charles Clore's £100m international estate.

Mr Justice Nourse ruled that at the time of his death, in July, 1979, aged 75, Sir Charles, although resident in Monaco, was still domiciled in England.

If domicile had been established in Monaco the Inland Revenue would have had only a £20m claim on his £27m British estate.

The action was brought by the Official Solicitor as administrator of the Clore estate.

Sir Charles's daughter, Vivian Duffield, aged 38, who lives in Switzerland, although not taking part directly in the case, supported the view that he remained domiciled in England.

She benefits under one of two wills made shortly before her father's death in which he left his Monaco estate to her. The second will left everything else to charity.

Sir Charles' son, Mr Alan Clore, aged 40, who was left out of both wills, is contesting the second will in the Jersey courts. A similar preliminary domicile issue will be decided in Jersey next week.

Mr Clore took no part in yesterday's proceedings, which the judge described as surprising. But he benefits from a multi-million pound trust set up by Sir Charles for his children.

On the question of domicile, the judge said that although Sir Charles, on the advice of his accountants and legal advisers, moved to Monaco in 1977, and spent an estimated £2m on an apartment: "I am not satisfied that he ever reached the point of abandoning England".

Mr Justice Nourse said there was not sufficient evidence to satisfy the court that Sir Charles had formed a settled intention to remain in Monaco. Because of the "fluidity and unpredictability" of Sir Charles he concluded that he was domiciled in England, where he retained many links, when he died.

The judge said that he was helped by evidence from close friends of Sir Charles. Lady Milford Haven had said he told her in his last few years that he was "unhappy in Monaco and would like to return to England and face tax consequences".

Mr Jarvis Astaire said that Sir Charles told him he was thinking of returning to England.

The judge said Sir Charles's personal assistant, Mr W. E. M. Townsend, had said his employer still called London his home after he went to live in Monaco.

Mr Leonard Sainer, Sir Charles's solicitor who became his confidant and possibly closest friend, said Sir Charles was always "changing his mind" about where he wanted to settle.

Sir Charles, the son of Lithuanian Jews who fled persecution in Tsarist Lithuania in the last century, was a pioneer of company takeovers. He formed the Sears Holding empire.

Villagers campaign to stop Army building site for urban warfare training

By Michael Horsnell

Until recently the wickedness most likely to rouse the emotions of villagers at Wretham in Norfolk was encapsulated in the fable of the Babes in the Wood which originated in neighbouring Wayland Woods.

It was here that the infant heirs to the de Grey estate were taken out to be slaughtered on the order of a wicked uncle seeking to inherit what was rightfully theirs.

But last month the Ministry of Defence assumed the mantle of villain of the piece, rousing 400 villagers from their customary rural equanimity. The ministry is planning to build a simulated battle village to enable troops to train in urban warfare techniques.

The ministry plans to build about eighteen mock houses and a church. These will then be subject to attack by 150 soldiers at a time, with airborne and tank support, using blank ammunition and phosphorous flares in day and night fighting.

The four acre battle village is to be built on the sandy heath of Breckland, four miles from Thetford, which the ministry believes simulates conditions in West Germany. It will be on the southern perimeter of the ministry's Thorpe Camp, Standford Battle Area, a 25 square-mile training camp established during the Second World War for the training of recruits.

The villagers have peacefully coexisted with the camp for the past forty years with the soldiers regularly enjoying the pleasures of the Dog and Partridge public house and using local facilities.

But the happy relationship is about to end. The battle village will be within 750 metres of the nearest civilian house and close to bloodstock and farming country.

It will also border the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust's Wretham Heath nature reserve which is designated by the Nature Conservancy Council as a Grade I site of special scientific interest. The reserve has 138 bird species a year.

The villagers are planning a campaign to persuade the ministry to site the battle village elsewhere on its huge encampment.

They have formed a protest committee, organized a petition, and are demanding a site meeting with civil servants from the ministry. However, they know that the ministry does not require planning permission for the proposal. If all else fails the villagers plan a campaign of disruption and withdrawal of cooperation with the Army.

Mr Stafford Smith, clerk to the Wretham Parish Council, told *The Times* yesterday: "This plan represents a change of use and the ministry seems to have taken leave of its senses. The Army's relationship with the local people has been wholehearted and now we want to keep the Army from breaking it."

The parish council heard of the plan only after it accidentally received two documents last month. Mr Norman Middlehurst, aged 65, a retired school teacher, who lives in one of the houses closest to the proposed battle area, is one of those leading the campaign.

He said: "We feel we are fighting for our quality of life. In terms of distance the margin for error is much too small, particularly from aircraft. I would hate to receive a phosphorous magnesium flare on top of my roof.

"We are in the front line. We expect complete and total disruption and what the effects will be on our health and on the property values is too horrifying to contemplate."

The villagers are convinced that the ministry has chosen the site mainly for its cheapness given the existing roads that lead to it. Mr Peter Steele, the warden of the Wretham Heath nature reserve, added: "As a nature reserve you can write the place off."

A spokesman for the ministry said: "We have made extensive and detailed surveys of the area for possible sites over a long period and the one we have chosen is judged to be the best overall. Although we don't need planning approval the matter is now subject to Department of the Environment procedures."

Front line campaigners: Mr Steele (left), Mr Smith, and Mr Middlehurst outside the Standford Battle Area (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Caution on street protest law

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said yesterday that there were two important aspects to consider in any legislation to regulate the number of street demonstrations.

First, legislation must be simple, logical and, above all, acceptable. "If it is not, the enforcement process itself may bring about the very confrontation and disruption it was intended to prevent". Sir Kenneth said.

Second, while legislation might provide a framework within which negotiations and compromise could take place, it could never replace such a balancing process. "There is no substitute for consent".

Sir Kenneth, who was addressing the Westminster Chamber of Commerce, said that a review of public order legislation was being undertaken, prior to parliamentary consideration.

It might be that legislation designed to ensure that the police received advanced notice of demonstrations and allowed officials to make conditions designed to minimize congestion or disruption would assist the balancing process.

Weedkiller curry for ex-husband

A woman whose former husband moved into her home uninvited plotted with her sister to force him out, Teesside Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Carole Clarkson, aged 36, a mother of three, and her sister Mrs Patricia McNeilly, aged 47, gave Mr Alan Clarkson, aged 40, a kitchen porter, a poisoned curry to make him ill, made from rotting beef laced with the weedkiller paraquat, Mr John Kitchen, for the prosecution, said.

But they disclosed what they had done, and worried neighbours called the police. The sisters were arrested. Clarkson's former husband, who recovered after two days of sickness, was evicted from her home only after a county court judge signed an order.

Yesterday the sisters, of Hammond Drive, Darlington, Durham, were given suspended jail sentences for administering a noxious substance with intent to injure or annoy Mr Clarkson.

Mrs Clarkson, who pleaded guilty, was given a year's jail sentence suspended for two years, and her sister, who pleaded not guilty and was convicted by a jury's majority verdict, nine months.

Teachers question religion in schools

By a Staff Reporter

The National Union of Teachers is to seek talks with church leaders aimed at questioning whether daily morning worship and compulsory religious education should continue in schools.

The union, with 235,000 members, says in a discussion document published today, that teachers and churches should consider pressing for the Education Act of 1944 to be amended.

The Act obliges schools to hold daily acts of worship for all pupils, and enforces religious education, but a National Association of Head Teachers' paper published earlier this year suggested that many schools are breaking the law.

Up to two in five heads, it suggested, hold secular assemblies and broaden religious studies to make it more a course in moral or social instruction.

The union says that the Act "needs reexamination," although ministers have made clear that they are determined not to amend the Act.

The union is particularly concerned about the place of Muslim pupils in state schools, many of whose parents are seeking to set up separate voluntary-aided schools for their children. While the union says it respects the beliefs and practices of Muslims, separate schooling "would be divisive, and would separate young Muslim people from their contemporaries".

Medicine is blamed for driving ban

A company director who said that medicine he was taking contained 17 per cent alcohol and resulted in him exceeding the breath test limit by 2 mgs, will appeal against a disqualification from driving imposed by Welshpool magistrates yesterday.

John Sydney Lee, aged 54, of Fronllwyd, Welshpool, pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol in his breath and was fined £145 and disqualified from driving for 12 months.

He told the court he had drunk five or six glasses of champagne and later discovered that a tonic he was taking contained 17 per cent alcohol. Dr Anne Hutchinson said she recommended the tonic.

Fire risk still high in 'sweatshops'

By Tony Samstag

A year after a fire in an east London clothing factory killed five people, there are still at least 20,000 workers at risk in 2,500 sweatshops in north and east London alone, according to the head of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers.

Mr Alec Smith was speaking at the site of four small factories of which closures for breaches of safety regulations were announced by the Greater London Council at the weekend. He said: "The local papers still carry stories every week about some factory fire or other. It was just fortuitous that nothing like the Mile End Road fire had happened earlier."

Ten days after the fire, six members of one family in Gravesend, Kent, died in an explosion and fire at a house containing a shoe factory. Both incidents highlighted increasing concern with the safety implications.

Cuts in the Health and Safety Executive mean that about 500 "front-line" factory inspectors are responsible for keeping an eye on a million separate work places employing 18,000,000.

Figures recording the numbers of small businesses in England, Wales and Scotland are deceptive because so many are unregistered. Officially, for example, there are about 29,000 people working in London's clothing trade; but the union estimate of 20,000 in unregistered factories almost doubles that figure.

Cheques in fraud 'stolen from duke'

Three cheques stolen from the London home of the Duke of Devonshire were used in fraud offences involving £150,000 the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Two cheques were forged and cashed for £61,000 but a further attempt to gain £89,000 was blocked, Mr Timothy Langdale, for the prosecution, told the court. He said the cheques were stolen from the duke's home in Chesterfield Street, Mayfair, last September by the butler's son, Mr Peter Callaghan, aged 24.

Mr Callaghan, a chauffeur, of Chesterfield Street, pleads not guilty to stealing the cheques. Mr Andreas Shellis, aged 43, a hairdresser, and Jack Shellis, his brother, aged 35, both of Northolt Road, south Harrow, north London, and Mr Heraklis Kouzoupis, aged 31, of Hereford Road, Acton, deny dishonestly obtaining £61,000 from the duke's account.

The trial continues today.

LSE's new director keeps politics at a distance

By Colin Hughes

Wending a way through *Socialist Worker* sellers and students earnestly trading second-hand textbooks in the main foyer of the London School of Economics is a fair introduction to meeting Indraprasad Gordhanbhai Patel, its new director.

Dr Patel, whom the chairman of LSE governors, Sir Huw Wheldon, simply refers to as "I.G.", is wryly conscious of taking on one of the top jobs in international academia, which traditionally carries a high political and academic profile.

While far from shy of stating his own position – "I am an old fashioned socialist, but of the kind who believes in searching for the common ground" – Dr Patel, in a typically Indian gesture, holds political questions at arm's length.

"I am not a political animal, and I certainly won't be associating myself with a particular party. I do want to take the opportunity to assess the forty or so years spent in active professional economics and see what it all amounts to though", he adds.

One of his first tasks was to address 700 of the new students starting this term at the 89-year-old school. "It was on my second day, so I'm just as much a freshman as they are."

It is, however, already clear that Dr Patel's style is going to set a markedly different tone from that of Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, his predecessor, who advised the Alliance parties and has returned to West Germany to pursue a political career with the Free Democrats.

In fact Dr Patel starts with little experience of academic administration, having held such a post for the past two years only, as director of the Indian Institute of Management at Ahmedabad.

None the less, his *curriculum vitae* presents any graduate setting out from the LSE with a tall order to match. Educated at Bombay University, King's College, Cambridge, and the Harvard Business School, Dr Patel won five academic awards and went on to become the youngest permanent secretary in the Indian government's Department of Economic Affairs.

He has been an under-secretary at the United Nations, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, and Indian board member of the International Monetary Fund.

His selection, according to Sir Huw Wheldon, came when the LSE board was considering two unnamed home applicants. The board decided to invite Dr Patel, who had no idea that that job was coming vacant, to apply, and voted him in unanimously.

Dr Patel: An impressive record.

Inquests open on rail deaths

Inquests into the deaths of the three victims of last Thursday's rail crash at Wembley were opened at Hornsey Coroner's Court London yesterday, and adjourned by Dr David Paul, the coroner, to a date to be fixed.

The dead were: Mr Peter Geoffrey Symonds, aged 47, a quantity surveyor, of Brook End, Western Turville, Aylesbury; Mr Douglas Llewellyn Cater, aged 56, a bank officer, of Kingsfield Road, Oxhey, Hertfordshire; and William Goodson, aged 38, administrative sales manager, of Grasmere Way, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard. They were all identified by PC Keith Michelmore, the coroner's officer.

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Whitelaw: Brighton bomb has strengthened our resolve

TERRORISM

The bomb attack on the Grand Hotel in Brighton last week by the IRA had simply strengthened the overwhelmingly united resolve of the Government, Parliament and people determined to preserve their free democracy. **Viscount Whitelaw**, Lord President of the Council, said in a statement to the Lords as the House reassembled after the summer recess.

He said that he knew peers would join him in offering deepest sympathy to those who had been so tragically bereaved, as well as their heartfelt desire that those injured might soon be restored to health.

I cannot express too profoundly (he concluded) my admiration of the courage, dedication and selfless devotion to duty shown by the police, the fire and ambulance services, the hospital staff and all those involvd in those difficult and dangerous hours immediately after the explosion occurred.

Naturally there has been much discussion about the security arrangements in place at the time of the explosion. The Chief Constable of Sussex Police has appointed the County Chief Constable of Hampshire to inquire into this aspect and I do not believe that it would be right for us to speculate on the outcome of the inquiry.

I have already made known my view that total, impregnable security is not compatible with the free society we enjoy. We must continue to search for improvements in security arrangements but without calling into question the entire basis upon which public life in this country is conducted.

The circumstances of this outrage are being studied with meticulous care and the security implications will be explored to the full.

An evil group has once again planned and carried out an attack on innocent people in pursuit of their aims. They have deliberately struck at the heart of our nation.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition, said they joined in total condemnation of Friday's appalling act of violence. In a free society a criminal attack upon one political party was an attack on all other parties. An attempt to kill or injure the Prime Minister and members of an elected government was a profound affront to everything this country believed in and valued.

This wicked and grave act would have its repercussions. This was not the time to ask detailed questions, but could Lord Whitelaw clarify his statement that the security implications would be explored to the full?

Did it mean that the Government was holding an inquiry in addition to the local one being held in Hampshire?

If so, could he indicate its character and scope? Was an advance warning of the threatened IRA action received by any agency of the Government and how explicit was it?

The Opposition welcomed the Prime Minister's decision to hold a meeting with Dr Garret Fitzgerald and hoped they would be able to make some progress. They also welcomed Dr Fitzgerald's firm reaction to Friday's terrible events.



Cledwyn: Profound affront to all we value

Lady Seear, leader of the Liberal peers, expressed the horror of the Alliance at a barbarous, hideous act, a horror that human beings could behave to each other in this way. She paid tribute to the manner in which the members of the Government and people attending the Conservative conference faced the horrors of Friday morning.

Horrible though this has been (she continued) it should not be allowed in any way to interfere with the way in which we conduct our political affairs in this country. If politics has become more dangerous we must take all the sensible steps we can to make it safer, but we must not allow ourselves to be deflected from our main purpose.

Viscount Whitelaw said the support, sympathy and encouragement of the opposition parties reemphasized that those who perpetrated such actions would meet with the implacable hostility of a united Parliament and People.

The Chief Constable of Sussex (he went on) made the request for the Deputy Chief Constable of Hampshire, Mr Hoddinott, to conduct this inquiry. It is therefore the Chief Constable's inquiry and it is to go to him in the first instance.

The Chief Constable has decided that in a matter of such national importance it would be right for me to make available to the Home Secretary a copy of the report. It may well not be appropriate for all the details of such a report to be published.

The Chief Constable is aware that it may be appropriate in the national interest to make public some of the report's general conclusions, I can undertake for the Home Secretary that that will be his determination with the Chief Constable.

On the question of advance warning (he continued) it would be wrong for me to stray into areas which will be covered both by the inquiry and those various intelligence considerations which it would be better for me not to refer to this afternoon.

The Government was grateful for the very firm view expressed by Dr FitzGerald which had helped it at a difficult time.

Lord Cledwyn asked Lord Whitelaw if he really believed, in view of the gravity of what took place, that a local inquiry was sufficient.

Will he not consult with the Prime Minister and others (he asked) to consider at least some broader inquiry, taking in the national implications?

Viscount Whitelaw said he would report what he said to Mrs Thatcher.

He added: It is right that in the first instance that the first report should be to the Chief Constable who conducted the operations. Thereafter we will have to consider what further action will have to be considered.

Security arrangements of the Palace of Westminster have already been the subject of discussions with the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police (Sir Kenneth Newman). Some changes in tightening up security have already been made.

The Bishop of Rochester (Dr David Say) said that what had happened so tragically at Brighton had had the positive result of uniting the nation in concern, in grief, and in prayer.



Seear: Barbarous and hideous act

He told the House of the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative in calling church leaders to express their thankfulness at the escape of Mrs Thatcher and other ministers, their heartfelt sympathy for the relatives of those killed and their admiration for the work done by the public services. He had also called for prayers to be said next Sunday for all concerned.

Viscount Whitelaw expressed the thanks of Mrs Thatcher and the whole Government.

Parliament today

Lords (2.30): Cooperative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, report. Debates on EEC committee report on motor vehicles and on RAF's new basic trainer

Carver fails to get guarantee on ROFs

PRIVATIZATION

Lord Carver (Ind), a former Chief of the Defence Staff, warned the Government against privatising the Royal Ordnance Factories without a guarantee that priority would still be given to the supply of equipment and services required by Britain's armed forces.

To have to rely on arrangements which did not contain this sort of guarantee would be a very serious matter indeed. **Lord Carver** said when the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill was considered on report in the House of Lords.

An Opposition amendment seeking to guarantee the supply of Ministry of Defence requirements and the maintenance by the privatised factories of spare manufacturing capacity in case of emergencies was defeated by 105 votes to 97 – Government majority, eight.

Lord Graham of Edmonton, for the Opposition, said they were concerned to ensure that everything at present supplied to the state by the ROFs would continue to be supplied to it. Some things at present manufactured and supplied by the ROFs would in future be seen by others as not profitable to produce.

Lord Carver said the whole logic of the ROFs was to be in every circumstance a source of production on which the Government could wholly rely. Unless the amendment was accepted this principle of the ROFs would disappear.

Lord Trenchard (C) said that as the minister responsible for defence procurement during the Falklands crisis he found private industry responded immediately.

Industry got a telephone call on Sunday (he said) and they dealt with the situation on the Monday morning so that our forces got what was needed at the time they needed it.

He did not believe there was any special reason to believe that the ROFs in private hands would not respond in a national emergency exactly as the ROFs did today.

Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said only a small percentage of Britain's total defence requirements were provided by the ROFs.

The ROFs as a commercial company would continue to be in the business of manufacturing weapons and ammunition. The Government expected the MoD to remain the major customer of the ROFs for the forseeable future.

We believe (he said) the ROFs will be able to supply at better prices under commercial discipline.

Lewin's faulty memory

Lord Trefgarne, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, during question time in the House of Lords, said the recollection of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, Chief of Defence Staff during the Falklands crises, was faulty in his references last week to the sinking of the Argentine cruiser the General Belgrano.

Lord Boston of Faversham (Lab) had asked: Would he comment on the report that Lord Lewin said last week it is highly likely that the Government was informed at the time the attack took place, by a verbal account, that the Belgrano had in fact changed course?

Is this not a case at least for a supplementary Falklands White Paper to be issued?

Lord Trefgarne: I do not think his suggestion is one we ought to follow. The observations of Lord Lewin were made from his memory and I have to say the documentary evidence does not support that.

Lord Boston of Faversham: The point about documentary evidence appears to be correct, but Lord Lewin's observation was of a verbal communication to the Cabinet.

Lord Trefgarne: The information of a verbal communication is confined to Lord Lewin's memory.

New peer

Lord Young of Graffham, minister without portfolio, the former Mr David Young, previously chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, was introduced.

Communist move upsets local party

By Rupert Morris

An attempt by leaders of the British Communist Party to impose their nominee as London district secretary only a few days after the death of the previous incumbent has caused outrage among local communists and seems certain to deepen divisions within the party.

Mr Bill Dunn, the district secretary, executive member and a full-time party worker for 35 years, died on October 6 aged 57. His funeral was held yesterday, but the day before Mr Ian McKay, the party's national organizer, moved into his office, having been appointed by the executive over the heads of the London district committee, which normally elects its own officers.

The reason for the haste with which Mr McKay was installed appears to have been the executive's fear that the London district, which has about 3,000 members, was drifting to the left, away from the Eurocommunist leadership.

The London district secretariat of 12 has met three times since Mr Dunn's death and refused to endorse Mr McKay's appointment. The full district committee meets this weekend and is likely to call for an urgent meeting with the party executive.

Pit leader on drink charge

Malcolm Pitt, aged 41, president of the Kent area of the National Union of Mineworkers, was convicted by magistrates at Ramsgate yesterday for driving with almost three times the permitted quantity of alcohol in his blood.

Pitt, of Edge End Road, Broadstairs, did not appear in court but pleaded guilty through a solicitor. The case was adjourned until October 23, when Pitt will appear for sentence.

Lake inquest

An inquest was opened and adjourned yesterday on the late Diana Dors's husband, Alan Lake, the actor, who was found shot dead at his home, in Sunningdale, Berkshire, last Wednesday. Mr Lake, aged 43, is to be buried today in Sunningdale.

Noele Gordon

Miss Noele Gordon, the former Crossroads actress, left Nuffield Hospital in Birmingham on Monday after a second operation last month for stomach cancer. Miss Gordon, aged 61, was taken ill while starring in the musical *No No Nanette* in Plymouth.

Boy died in conker hunt

A schoolboy collecting conkers crashed 30ft to his death when the branch of a tree he was balanced on snapped. A verdict of misadventure was recorded at an inquest yesterday in St Helens, Merseyside, into the death of Mark Cain, aged 14, of Cole Avenue, Newton-le-Willows, who died shortly after the fall from a tree in the grounds of Post House Hotel, Haydock.

He and a friend had gone there to collect conkers. The other boy, Paul Hepinstall, said: "He climbed to the top because there were more up there. I heard a branch snap and Mark fell. He was lying face up and appeared to be badly hurt."

Mr Gordon Glasgow, the North Merseyside Coroner said: "I would stress that where boys are concerned in the climbing of trees to collect conkers it is a very dangerous pursuit."

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Mondale looks to second debate as poll shows campaign gains

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

After a day's campaigning in the Mid-West and on the West Coast, the two presidential contestants returned to Washington last night to spend the next four days closeted with their advisers preparing for Sunday's crucial televised debate.

With polls showing the gap between them beginning to narrow, Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger, is hoping that a strong performance by him in Kansas City on Sunday night will accelerate the momentum which his campaign has developed over the past 10 days.

The President's objecives are less ambitious. He wants to avoid a repetition of his lacklustre performance during the earlier debate. If he can just hold on to his present lead for the next three weeks he will be assured of a comfortable victory.

Although some of the President's aides still talk in terms of a landslide, Mr Mondale's improved performance since the first debate seems to have made such an outcome unlikely.

Yesterday President Reagan was in Illinois trumpeting his now familiar themes of optimism, prosperity and strength. If he was concerned about his slippage in the polls – a Louis Harris poll showed his lead had fallen from 12 to 9 points over the past week – he certainly was *not showing it.*

During a campaign swing through the South on Monday he was in fine fettle, hammering away at his opponent as being a threat to national security. Noting that Mr Mondale had voted against military spending legislation on 78 occasions when he was a senator, he declared that his opponent had "one of the weakest records in the US Congress for supporting a strong national defence".

The President used what has become familiar tactics to needle his rival: He invoked the name of Democratic heroes to attack him, saying that president Kennedy would be "ashamed of those in the liberal Democratic leadership who would weaken our defences."

Mr Reagan also stepped up his visual campaign by making a sudden visit to a McDonald's hamburger restraurant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. As cameras whirred he stepped up to the counter to order a Big Mac *french fries and iced tea.*

Mr Mondale appeared less exuberant than he had done last week as he campaingned in St Louis on Monday and in California yesterday. Appearing by a toxic-waste dump in Missouri, he attacked the President's record on the environment, charging that he had cleaned up only six of the country's 761 dumps in four years.

Both candidates were to have attended a Roman Catholic charity dinner in New York tomorrow night, but Mr Mondale has withdrawn, partly to give himself more time to prepare for the debate but also because it will be presided over by Archbishop John O'Connor of New York, who has been openly critical of his running-mate, Ms Geraldine Ferraro, on the issue of abortion.

In an important address on Monday the Archbishop said that candidates should publicly oppose abortion on demand and work for modification of legalized abortion.

Although he insisted that he was not seeking to influence voters, he emphasized that public figures had to "protect the rights of the unborn". Acknowledging that Catholics in public life, such as Ms Ferraro, faced a dilemma, he added: "I cannot resolve that *dilemmma for them. As I see it,* their disagreement is not simply with me: it is with the teaching of the Catholic Church."

Ms Ferraro, who is pro-choice although personally opposed to abortion, has been harrassed by anti-abortion activists throughout her campaign. Several other members of the Catholic hierarchy have spoken out on the issue, although the Archbishop's remarks on Monday were the most overtly political.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who appeared on the same platform as the Archbishop, also voiced her opposition to abortion.

Phoning in from the sky



The first air-to-ground telephone system in the United States, Airfone, being demonstrated on board a Delta Airlines Lockheed 1011 airliner.

Nine US airlines have installed the telephones, four to an aircraft. At this stage only outgoing calls within the United States can be made, at a cost of £7.50 (£6) a minute for the first three minutes.

The passenger inserts a major credit card to release a wireless phone handset. A call can last up to 40 minutes.

The system relies on 37 automatic relay stations linked to conventional telephone exchanges.

Ban on Latin Mass relaxed

Church perplexed by papal ruling

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The latest mystery at the Vatican is what the Pope hopes to achieve by bringing back the Tridentine Latin Mass, believed to have been finally abolished for countries other than England and Wales in 1970.

The announcement on Monday night was a surprise. It came in the form of a letter to the 3,000 bishops around the world. The return to the old Mass is hedged by conditions – five in all – yet perplexity over the measure remains widespread.

Liturgical reform, including the introduction of the vernacular into the Mass, was a fundamental element in the work of the Second Vatican Council which approved its decree on the subject in 1963.

It included other ways in which the Mass would be more easily understood by the faithful and their participation increased. For example, the priest faces the congregation instead of having his back to it.

The innovations did not suit traditionalist thinking but were in keeping with the work of the council. After a period of experiment the new Mass was published by Paul VI in 1970. The text was in Latin and was then translated into the vernacular throughout the Catholic world.

An inquiry by the Vatican in 1982 showed that the mass was accepted by almost everyone and 98 per cent were said to approve of the use of the vernacular.

The number of traditionalists still favouring the Latin mass was small and said to be diminishing. The most famous advocate is Mgr Marcel Lefebvre, the archbishop suspended by Paul VI. But he represents the extreme front and his objections to modern Catholicism do not stop at the vernacular mass.

Whether as a gesture to traditionalists, or for other reasons, the Pope insisted that Catholics be allowed to hear the Latin mass.

The conditions attached to its use are fairly formidable. Permisssion has to be obtained from the local bishop; it will not normally be celebrated in parish churches; bishops at the end of a year will have to report back on developments; and, most *extraordinary,* requests for the old Mass must be accompanied by an explicit statement of acceptance of the Vatican Council and the new Mass.

This last condition involves the mental acrobatics of asking for something which the council rejected, while professing to believe in the council's work. The fear expressed here is that such a formula could be used to undo other council decisions.

By an odd coincidence, the letter was published on the day marking the sixth anniversary of the Pope's election. What next? one may ask.

Students swing to the right

Reagan is new campus hero

From Bailey Morris
Washington

This is a revolutionary year on the American college campus. On the fifteenth anniversary of the birth of the "Woodstock generation", students are taking another sharp turn, this time to the right.

The counter-culture movement which spawned the activist Tom Hayden, the acid lyrics of Bob Dylan, and a generation of student liberals, is dead. President Reagan is the new campus hero.

Polls taken before the first televised presidential debate revealed surprisingly strong support for Mr Reagan among young Americans.

A recent *Washington Post*-ABC Television poll shows Mr Reagan leading Mr Walter Mondale by 58 per cent to 38 per cent among under-25 voters. A Louis Harris survey gave Mr Reagan a 13-point lead among students aged 18 and 19. A Gallup poll concludes that more young Americans identify with the Republican Party than *at any time since the early* 1960s.

This is a generation which grew up on television and lives by television, forming many of its values and opinions from messages received via "the box". From this perspective, Mr Reagan – "the great communicator" – has a clear advantage. His manly, upbeat style of delivery, and his themes of prosperity and patriotism sell well on campuses.

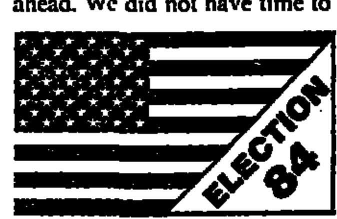
"We finally have a hero," said Mr Todd Shafer, president of the undergraduate student government at Ohio State University. "Ronald Reagan presents a positive image. He looks like he knows what he is doing. He is the perfect media President."



Dylan blues: The culture he personified is dead

It is also a generation which has experienced the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Many believe that the middle class is threatened, the job market unstable. They fear they will not be able to enjoy the same luxuries as their parents.

"This generation is very conservative because, admittedly, we are very selfish," said Mr Richard Caldwell, in his last year at Ohio State. "We are very career minded. We grew up in a tough economic time, the job market was tight. It took all our energy just to make it, to get ahead. We did not have time to go out and support every cause."



The economic conerns show up in other campuses, at such Ivy League universities as Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania. Students at the University of Southern California are strong supporters of Mr Reagan, greeting him on a recent visit with chants of "We are the new entrepreneurs".

Political analysts also point to the "Carter factor".

The majority of American college students have grown up knowing one Democratic presidency, the turbulent administration of Mr Jimmy Carter, who engendered a disillusionment which is difficult to overstate.

"He was a whimp. Under him, the country went downhill," said a third year student at George Washington University. "He did not have the backbone to lead the country," said a second year business major at Ohio State. "Under President Carter, I was tired of [America] getting kicked around," said a first year student at Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Economics.

With no strong sense of the Democratic past which led to strong party loyalty in the South, the Middle Atlantic states, and elsewhere, this image of Mr Carter makes it easy for these students to snip their ancestral political moorings without guilt.

Other polls point also to a sizeable negative vote. One taken by the University of Pennsylvania reveals that many students back Mr Reagan as the lesser of two evils. They do not like Mr Mondale, but also oppose strongly the "new right" agenda on social issues adopted by the Republican Party.

Rostow tells court of intelligence dispute

New York (NYT) – Mr Walt Rostow, who was President Johnson's special Assistant for National Security Affairs, testified in federal court here on Monday that as early as a year before the Tet offensive of 1968, he informed the President of an unresolved dispute among intelligence analysts over the scope of enemy strength in South Vietnam.

Mr Rostow took the stand as the first witness for the plaintiff in the libel suit against CBS by General William Westmoreland.

As an aide whose office was 30 seconds from the President's, Mr Rostow said he had firsthand knowledge of what the President was told about such issues as the intelligence debate, statements by General Westmoreland and the rate of North Vietnamese infiltration into South Vietnam before the Tet offensive. All are issues in the trial.

General Westmoreland, who was Commander of US forces in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968, contends that CBS, in a 1982 documentary entitled *The Uncounted Enemy: a Vietnam Deception,* libelled him by saying he had deceived Mr Johnson and the joint chiefs of staff about the size and nature of enemy forces in South Vietnam in the year prior to the Tet offensive.

The general specifically accused CBS and several other defendants of saying that he had arbitrarily set a ceiling of 300,000 on enemy strength, suppressed reports from his officers of a higher enemy presence and a higher rate of North Vietnamese infiltration than was made known, and engineered a cover-up of the truth after the offensive.

Mr Rostow, now a professor of political economy at the University of Texas, took the stand more than two hours after the court hearings began. Most of the morning session was taken up by lawyers' arguments before Judge Pierre Leval over admissibility.

Judge Leval, who had earlier predicted a trial of 10 weeks to four months, told lawyers that it could take 12 years if they did not take greater pains, outside of court hours, to agree on potential exhibits.

The judge underscored a theme he has sounded since the jury selection began last Tuesday – that the case does not hinge on whether President Johnson was actually deceived by General Westmoreland but whether the general sought to deceive him by providing bad, politically-motivated, arbitrary data.

Although it may be interesting historically, the judge said, it was irrelevant to the case whether the President was able to differentiate his many sources. on those grounds, the judge ruled out several documents that he said, tended to establish what the White House knew rather what General Westmoreland's role was in furnishing the information.

Pakistani editors fight ban

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

Pakistani newspaper editors and owners have demanded withdrawal of the govenment ban on political reporting and the system of government advice under which newspapers are directed not to publish certain news despite the fact that no formal censorship exists.

The Council of Newspaper Editors and the All Pakistan Newspaper Society, in a declaration adopted at a convention in Lahore, said it was essential to enable the press to play its "rightful role in the creation of a fair and just society".

Since 1977, when the martial law regime took over, the press has been under varying degrees of control and pressure.

Meanwhile, a 55-year-old man has been sentenced to death by a Karachi judge on a charge of killing his six-year-old son within the precinct of the mausoleum of the late Muhamma Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan. The man pleaded that he was told to sacrifice his son by Jinnah in a dream.

● DHAKA: Newspapers reappeared in Bangladesh yesterday after a 24-hour stoppage, carrying carefully edited accounts of opposition leaders' speeches at anti-government rallies on Sunday (AFP reports).

The reports omitted leaders' calls for non-cooperation with President Ershad's regime.

Shultz and Clark aim to improve links

From John Best
Ottawa

A meeting between the United States and Canadian foreign ministers entered its second day in Toronto yesterday as the process of putting bilateral relations on a surer footing continued.

The two-day meeting is the first between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, since a new Conservative Government was elected here last month.

At the opening session on Monday, Mr Clark told Mr Shultz that the Tory Government wanted to put an end to ideology and the "confrontational style" in dealings between the two countries.

That was a critical allusion to the former Liberal Government of Mr Pierre Trudeau, which the Tories claim was unnecessarily antagonistic towards the United States. Nationalistic policies affecting foreign investment and energy development in Canada, instituted under the Liberals, were harshly condemned in Washington. The New Conservative regime has promised to change them.

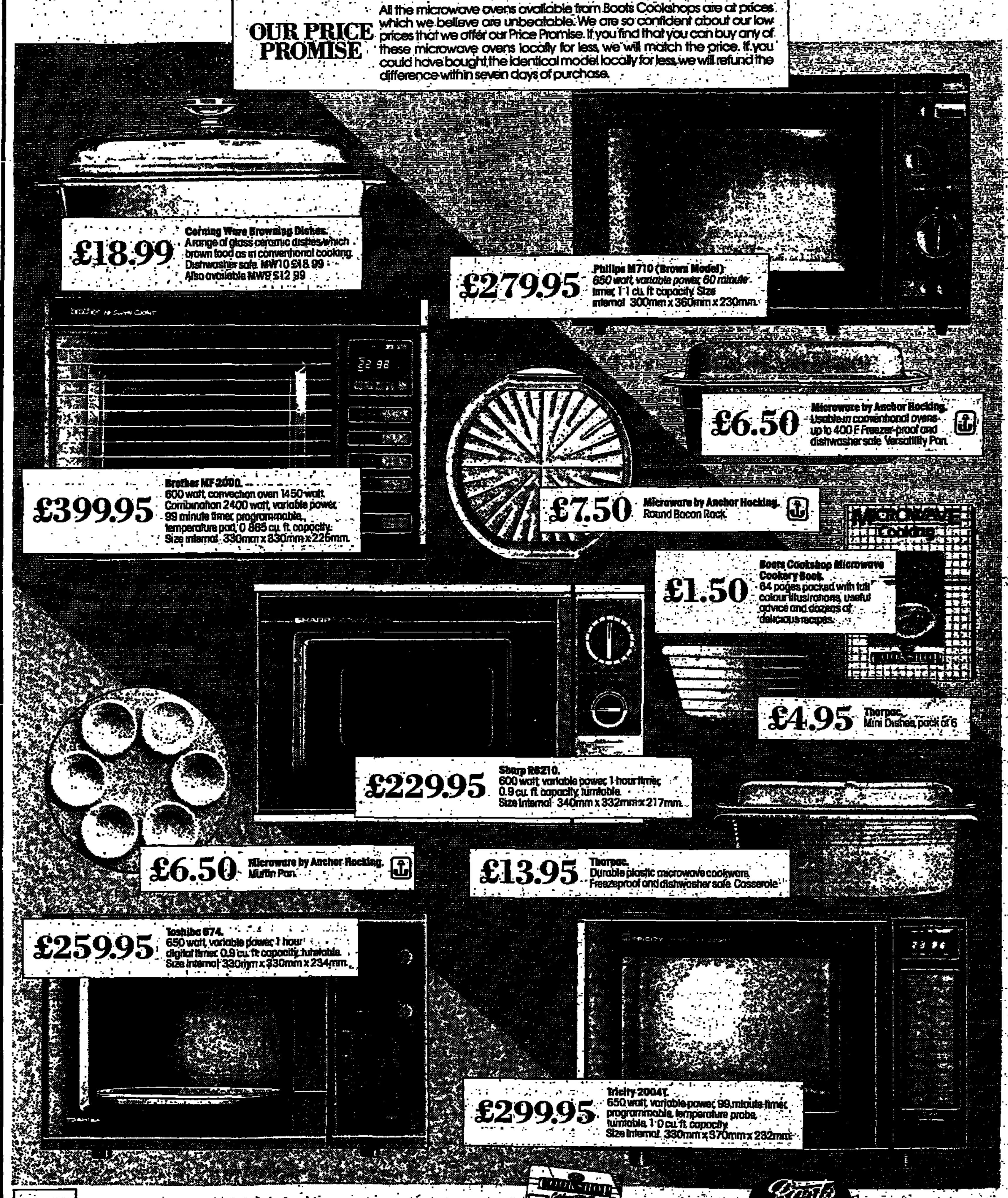
Officials who briefed reporters on the session said that Mr Shultz was moved by Mr Clark's optimistc tone and his vow to strengthen Canadian-US relations.

He urged the Canadian to pick up the telephone and call him any time he had a problem that Mr Shultz might help to resolve, and said he would feel at liberty to call Mr Clark in similar circumstances.

Monday's session was devoted to global economic issues.

The meetings continue a practice of four-times-a-year meetings between US and Canadian foreign ministers that began about two years ago.

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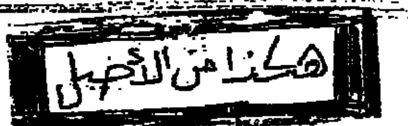
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Peace commission planned

Duarte and guerrilla leaders agree to hold another summit

From John Carlin, La Palma

Salvadoreans have been treated to the remarkable spectacle of watching live on their television screens a left-wing guerrilla commander who had been fighting underground for 12 years. Moreover, he was talking not of "combatting the oppressor," but of "conquering peace."

This was on a government-controlled television station in the midst of a five-year civil war in a country which until recently had been one of the most repressive on earth.

The guerrilla commander was a bearded, intense man with the splended name of Ferman Cienfuegos (*cien fuegos* means "hundred fires" in English). He was standing on the steps of a Catholic church in the small town of La Palma addressing a crowd of thousands who had come from all over El Salvador to witness the first face to face meeting between Government and rebel leaders since the start of the civil war, which has claimed more than 50.000 victims, most of them victims of right-wing death squads.

Commander Cienfuegos was speaking after five hours of closed-door discussions inside the church between six rebel leaders and President José Napoleon Duarte, General Eugenio Vides Casanova, the Defence Minister, and four other senior officials.

The Archbishop of San Salvador, Mgr Arturo Rivera Damas, acted as coordinator in the talks and was appointed to read out to an expectant crowd in the packed town square a joint statement from the Government, the guerrilla Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) and its political wing, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR).

A joint statement from the Government and the FMLN–FDR would have been an unthinkable development 10 days ago, before President Duarte, characteristically impetuous, made his proposal at the United Nations for the rebels to talk with him in the mountain town of La Palma, which has been under guerrilla control for most of the past 18 months.

What in more, the statement said what the crowds waving white flags symbolizing peace had come to hear. It said that talks would continue, a date would be set for the second half of November and a peace commission would be established, made up of four rebel and four government representatives.

Agreement was also reached to achieve peace "in the shortest possible time" and in the context of " democracy, pluralism and social justice."

After the Archbishop read out the statement, Dr Guillermo Ungo, President of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, emerged from the church and announced that "a first step had been taken in a process of dialogue ". But added that the talks remained "complex".

President Duarte then walked out of the church and repeated the theme of the day, namely that peace was the "wish of all Salvadoreans". But he, too, said miracles should not be expected.

Clearly, the rebels still need a great deal of persuading that democracy and social justice are possible in El Salvador under the present American-backed Government and, specifically, the present armed forces high command which, since President Duarte came to power, has overseen the bombing of villages and two massacres of guerrilla-supporting civilians.

However, it was Commander Cienfuegos, who is 37 and a former medical student, who struck the most hopeful note, not least because the FMLN, of which he is a principal leader, was widely expected to be the most recalcitrant party in the negotiating effort.

Peering through spectacles, wearing his camouflagedguerrilla fatugues, Commander Cienfuegos' body was bent slighty forward as he shook his clenched right fist up and down and declared with passion, in the shrill voice of the unpracticed public speaker: "There is optimism!, there is optmism-!...We're fighting for peace! we're fighting for peace!



Eye to eye: Mr Robert Coates, Canada's Defence Minister, inspects a guard of honour in London yesterday watched by his British counterpart, Mr Michael Heseltine.

Kinnock envoy advises fugitives in Durban consulate crisis

From Michael Hornsby, Durban

The drama at the British consulate here continued unabated yesterday as Mr Donald Anderson, the Labour Party's special envoy, flew back to Johannesburg after three rounds of talks with the three political dissidents who have been sheltering on the consulate premises since September 13.

A large crowd gathered outside the building where the consulate is located, and others hung out of windows on the other side of the street mistakenly believing that the three men would surrender to the waiting police after their final lunchtime meeting with Mr Anderson.

Rumours to that effect had begun circulating the previous night, when Mr Anderson took supper with the men – Mr Archie Gumede, Mr Billy Nair and Mr Paul David – and then returned for an unscheduled further hour of talks with them and their lawyers just before midnight.

At a press conference on his departure from Durban, Mr Anderson, who is to visit riot-torn African townships south of Johannesburg today before returning to London overnight, said the fugitives had discussed the idea of leaving the consulate with him but only as "one among a whole range of options."

He said there had been "very extensive discussions", mainly between the three men and their lawyers, in which his role had been "to give advice when asked". He would not say what that advice was. He believed, however, that "options have been narrowed".

Mr Zac Yacoob, the blind lawyer who acts as spokesman for the three fugitives, refused to say whether they were likely to leave the consulate over the next few days. Their position on this question, he maintained, was still "entirely neutral".

There is nevertheless, strong speculation that the three men will leave the consulate before next Monday. That is the date on which the trial is due to start in Britain of four South Africans and others accused of trying to smuggle embargoed arms to this country.

Last month, Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, announced that the four men, who were released on bail earlier this year and are now in South Africa, would not be returned to Britain for trial in reprisal for Britain's obstruction of South African law enforcement.

This decision to break a solemn promise to a British court has been widely condemned at home and abroad. Even right-wingers here have argued that South Africa should have closed the consulate rather than break its word. If the fugitives have left the consulate by the time the trial starts, it is argued, justification for the reprisal will look even thinner.

On Monday night, Mr Anderson, garlanded with flowers, spoke at a public rally here attended by more than 7.000 people, predominantly Indians, to protest against the country's security laws, which permit indefinite detention without trial on unspecified charges.

Improved conditions

Conditions in the consulate are not less cramped after the departure last Saturday of Mr George Sewpersadh, Mr Mooroogiah Jayarajapathy Naidoo and Mr Malalal "Mewa" Ramgobin, who tried to slip out of the building unnoticed and were arrested by waiting security police.

The remaining three occupy a single room. Mr Archie Gumede, aged 71, has now been giving a mattress in view of his advanced years, by the other two Mr Billy Nair and Mr Paul David still sleep on the carpeted floor. A bathtub with an immersion heater and a chemical toilet have also been provided.

Wives and other family members bring plentiful supplies of food three times a day to the consulate, as well as books, newspapers and clean clothing. No radios are permitted. Each fugitive is allowed a daily 45-minute visist from a maximum of two relatives.

All three have past experience of prison or detention. Mr Mair was freed earlier this year after 20 years in prison on sabotage charges. They have thus had some practice at surving for long periods in small spaces. Their main complaint is that they can no longer make up a four for bridge.

The consul, who spends each night at the consulate, may well be finding the conditions more of a strain. Byu Decree of the Foreign Office, he is not permitted to enjoy any greater degree of comfoirt than his unwanted guests.

Spain sends blunt letter to the Ten

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, called the ambassadors of all 10 member countries of the European Community to his official residence here yesterday to hand them copies of a letter expressing concern over the delay in negotiations for his country's entry into the Community.

According to officials, in his letter the Prime Minister emphasized that Spanish concern was all the greater after three negotiating sessions in a row at which no progress was made.

The wording of the letter was described as "firm" and officials said Señor González called for a clear attitude and political will to conclude the negotiations.

He urged the ten tó state their final positions on the proposed enlargement of the EEC and to avoid ambiguity.

Recently, a spokesman for the Government said that a "political initiative would soon be taken to relaunch" the negotiations. Señor González's letter presumably forms part of that initiative.

The Spanish demand for action came 16 days after the deadline that was previously set for concluding the negotiations. It came also at a time when Spain was still waiting for the EEC to deliver documents defining Community positions on some of the toughest items in the bargaining: fishing rights, agriculture, olive oil, wine, iron and steel industry.

Last November, Señor González sent a similar letter to EEC member governments. At that time he told them, "I'm worried ... because public opinion in my country has serious doubts that there is any such thing as authentic political will in the Community to carry out the problems of membership".

Challenge to superpowers

Kohl presses for arms compromise

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

Chancellor Kohl yesterday called on the nuclear powers to show willingness to compromise in seeking agreements on disarmament, and urged the Soviet Union to resume talks with the United States on limiting nuclear weapons.

Speaking at a lunch for President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania, with whom he held a second round of talks yesterday, the Chancellor praised the efforts of smaller states to get talks going again but said nothing could be a substitute for the initiatives of the superpowers themselves.

"Rejection of dialogue and negotiation, whatever the reason for it, serves netiher the cause of understanding nor the pursuit of arms control," he said.

He hoped that after the US elections the Russians would take up President Reagan's offer of a comprehensive dialogue that included questions of arms control.

The Chancellor forcefully rejected the accusations levelled by most Warsaw Pact countries, although not Romania, that West Germany harboured "revanchists" who dreamed of regaining German territory lost after the Second Word War.

He said the renunciation of force lay at the heart of Bonn's treaties with the Warsaw Pact. "We stand by those treaties, with no ifs and buts. The Federal Republic of Germany has raised no territorial claims against anyone, and will not do so in the future.

His words echoed those of President Richard von Weiszäcker, who said at a state banquet on Monday that West Germany considered the borders of all states to be inviolable.

The President praised Romania's willingness to exchange views and keep alive an East West dialogue. But he did not mince his words in expressing West Germany's concern about the plight of ethnic Germans in Romania. The bribes extorted from those wishing to emigrate also came up in the Chancellor's talks with President Ceausescu yesterday.

Preying on the birds of prey

Rich pickings on the wings of a falcon

From Trevor Fishlock
Billings, Montana

A man bought seven first-class tickets from the Saudi Airline office at Kennedy Airport, New York. One was for himself. The six others, a seat apiece, were for the expensive Falcons he was smuggling out of the United States, a Montana court has been told.

Three of the birds were Gyrfalcons, prized among falconers for their hunting ability and 200 mph bursts of speed. A good specimen can fetch £50,000. Big money such as this has helped to feed a thriving black market in birds of prey of protected and endangered species.



The gyrfalcon: Worth about £8,000 on the black market.

US authorities have indicated in court here that the six falcons which travelled from New York were illegally acquired in North America by European middlemen and were, according to their evidence, destined for a member of the Saudi royal family.

Mr William French Smith, the US Attorney-General, commenting on the smuggling of birds of prey, said "a multimillion dollar illegal market is threatening the existence of some species and creating an incentive for organized international criminal activities".

A three-year investigation by agents of the Fish and Wildlife Service, in which a master falconer posed as an illegal trader and worked closely with the agents, has smashed a number of smuggling rings selling gyrfalcons, peregrine falcons, prairie falcons, goshawks and other birds to Americans an falconers in Europe the Middle East.

Later this month, 13 men will go on trial in Great Falls, Montana, charged with trafficking in birds of prey and breaking wildlife laws. They were among 39 arrested in June in a round-up covering 14 American states and four Canadian provinces. A large number of falcons was seized, as well as cars and aircraft used for smuggling. The investigation continues, and more arrests are expected. Some men have been convicted already, and six of those charged in June have agreed, in a deal with the authorities in which they received suspended jail sentences, to give information about other suspects.

Smuggling networks were penetrated in classic "sting" operations. Mr Jeff McPartlin, of Great Falls, who holds a master falconer's licence, posed as a black market dealer and sold birds to smugglers.

In one case, described by the prosecution at a trial in Great Falls, Mr McPartlin sold three gyrfalcons and three prairie falcons to two West German brothers, *Marcus and Lothar* Ciesielski, for $15,000 (£12,000).

The brothers rented an aircraft at Great Falls, loaded the six brids, then flew to Washington where they were met by a Frenchman, Francois Messaoudene. He put the birds into a limousine and went with them to Kennedy Airport, New York, where he bought seven first-class tickets for a Saudi Airline flight.

In this case, Marcus Ciesielski, aged 21, pleaded guilty to smuggling gyrfalcons and was fined £8,000. His brother, father and M Massaoudene are also accused, and arrest warrants have been issued.

One German dealer, said by agents to be a leader of an international smuggling ring, told an undercover agent that two eagles presented to President Reagan by the West German Government had originally been taken from a nest in Canada and smuggled to Germany, where they were raised.

The Fish and Wildlife Service investigators say that birds and eggs have been smuggled in light aircraft and cars across the US-Canada border. Eggs have been hidden in the false bottoms of suitcases.

Lebanon MPs elect Shia as Speaker

From Our Correspondent
Beirut

The Lebanese Parliament yesterday elected Mr Husain Husaini, a Shia Muslim from the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon, as its new Speaker.

The 41-to-28 ended the 12-year parliamentary reign of Kamel Assad, from Taibeh in south Lebanon, who had aroused the ire of Syria earlier this year for objecting to Lebanon's cancellation of its 1983 troop withdrawal agreement with Israel.

World Food Day marked with figures on hunger

From Peter Nichols
Rome

President Pertini marked World Food Day at the headquarters of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation with a sombre speech on the "disquieting questions" regarding the future evolution of the world.

The head of the Italian state reminded his audience which included representatives of the 156 countries accredited to the organisation, of the "alarming picture of old and new realities." Hunger, malnutrition and disease were still widespread, while destruction of the environment was continuing inexorably.

More than 750 million humans lived below the threshold of poverty" Senor Pertini said and 55 Third World countries, with more than a billion inhabitants, were no longer able to feed themsives with traditional methods of production.

About two-thirds of these countries' livestock was lost because of disease and inadequate techniques. There was stagnation in food production per head in the Third World as a whole during the past 10 years and a decine in the lowest-income countries, with some 225 million people underfed in Africa alone.

At the beginning of this decade, President Pertini continued, World agricultural production declined and at the same time the unsold surpluses in industrialized countries increased. Yet shortages, drought and fires were raging and the deserts were spreading in many development countries, especially in Africa.

The average life expectancyb in the industrialized world was 73 while in developing countries only 57. What he described as " the darkest spot in the picture" was that infant mortality stood today at about 43,000 children a day.

That the evils of mankind were still immense and greater than expected was a misfortune in itself. But what was even worse was that an accord to tackle them had yet to be achieved.

He attacked the arms race. "We must realize that the arms race has generated and will generate not more security by more insecurity, and that the costs of accumulating destructive capacity will reach the skies and end up by destroying the dream of a better and serene life for all."

The main theme of the World Food Day was women in agriculture and President Pertini asserted that the "battle for mankind's destiny would not be won if, besides children, we did not pay attention to the partner of our life and the mother of our children."

Women had been neglected and suffered discrimination for centuries but today they were coming into their own after a long struggle. Woman is, and must be, man's partner and his equal, in forging the world's destiny," Signor Pertini said.

Bardot puts animals case to Mitterrand

Paris – Brigitte Bardot, the actress turned animal welfare campaigner, lunched with President Mitterrand yesterday at the Elysée Palace, Diana Geddes writes. It was the first time Miss Bardot had been received at the Elysée, and the first time a French President had received an animal welfare campaigner.

"It is a great day! It represents a victory for animals! Miss Bardot said afterwards. "We talked only about the protection of animals in France, and the President told me he would study the problem seriously and see what could be done".

Miss Bardot said she had handed over a dossier of 30 "very urgent measures" that were needed. "I think he is someone who loves animals. He spoke a lot about his own, including his donkeys."

Ruling on taxi driver upheld

Los Angeles (AP) – A judge in the Superior Court upheld a lower court's dismissal of six murder charges against Mr Ashley Paulle, the London taxi driver accused of killing two San Fernando Valley families whose bodies have never been found.

But in this ruling, Judge Gordon Ringer invited Mr Ronald Coen, the district attorney, to appeal, citing the complexity of the case. Mr Coen said he would do so.

Blazing fury

Bilbao (Reuter) – Spanish shipyard workers set up blazing barricades across roads and railways and a commuter train caught fire in this Basque port in the second week of protest against shipbuilding layoffs.

Terror charge



Lieutenant-Colonel Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, a leading figure in Portugal's 1974 revolution, has been formally charged with 78 others in Lisbon of belonging to or organizing a terrorist group, according to judicial sources.

Le Pen barred

Paris (AFP) – French riot police manhandled M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the extreme right leader, and several followers away from the funeral of a policeman shot dead in Paris after the Interior Minister barred demonstrations at the ceremony.

Journalist dies

Bruce Rothwell, a war and foreign correspondent for the *News Chronicle* and *Daily Mail* who later held senior positions on newspapers owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch in Australia and the United States, died yesterday in his Manhattan apartment, aged 61.

Oil chief quits

Rome (AP) – Mr Kamel Hassan Maghur, the Libyan President of Opec, has resigned as Libyan Oil Minister amid rumours of a general economic shakeup by Colonel Gaddafi, diplomats in Tripoli said.

Poll triumph

Lisbon (Reuter) – Portugal's Social Democratic Party, junior partner in the coalition Government, held its absolute majority in regional elections in the Azores and Madeira, provisional results show.

Drugs record

Mainz (Reuter) – Police have seized 5,500lb of marijuana at the port here in the biggest such haul in West Germany, a justice official said.

Rock transplant

Zermatt (AP) – A helicopter lifted two 440lb blocks of rock from the peak of the Matterhorn in preparation for their delivery to two ski resorts in the United States as a promotional gimmick.

Lech Walesa supports working British miners

By Patricia Clough

Mr Lech Walesa, the Polish Solidarity leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, has sent a message of support to working miners in Britain.

It was given to three miners who went to Poland from October 5 to 8 on behalf of the National Working Miners' Committee. The group, bearing gifts of a miner's lamp, a Staffordshire plate depicting Pope Paul and food, had hoped to meet Mr Walesa, but he was suffering from angina.

Instead, Father Henryk Jankowski, his priest and friend, gave them photographs and a written message from Mr Walesa saying: "I am very sympathetic to your movement. My greetings to the British miners who are fighting for democracy n their union."

He added: "There is more to union success than getting more money." The rest of the message, one of the group said, will be released only after the go-ahead is received from contacts in Poland.

The message implied that relations are still cool between Solidarity and Mr Arthur Scargill, the National Union of Mineworkers leader, who has called Solidarity "anti-socialist". Solidarity members say they have received little or no support from the NUM.

The miners who met Father Jankowski were Mr Tony Ellis, of Barnsley, Mr Terry Hackett, of Stoke on Trent and Mr Tony Hollman, from Llanelli.

Speaking later about the visit, Father Jankowski seemed to assume the delegation had been composed of striking, not working miners, prompting an earlier report to this effect.

Refugees stay vulnerable

Geneva – Three years' efforts by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to secure an international convention against military attacks on refugee camps have failed abysmally (Alan McGregor writes).

The 41-nation UNHCR executive committee has been compelled to recognize that humanitarian and legal considerations will continue to be disregarded whenever a camp is sheltering armed men. Its officials had hoped the committee would have agreed at least on a set of principles based on international law to underline widespread international disapproval and act as a deterrent.

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Romanov reemerges with Ogarkov in front line of Kremlin battle for power

From Richard Owen
Moscow

Analysing the mysterious processes of Soviet politics is often, as St Paul remarked of a higher mystery, like looking through a glass, darkly. With a week to go before the extraordinary Central Committee plenum, the rise to prominence of Mr Grigory Romanov and the unexpected reemergence of his ally, Marshal Ogarkov, have fuelled speculation about behind-the-scenes manoeuvring.

Mr Romanov, aged 51, made an offer of "honest dialogue" to the United States in an important speech in Helsinki reported in full in *Pravda* on Monday.

It was Mr Romanov's first public appearance since he returned from a visit to Ethiopia a month ago, and there were suggestions that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, aged 33, Mr Romanov's main rival for the leadership, might be manoeuvring to reduce Mr Romanov's influence. But in Helsinki, where he attended celebrations marking the end of the Winter War 40 years ago, Mr Romanov appeared assured and forceful.

As former party chief in Leningrad, Mr Romanov is well known in neighbouring Finland, where he has long been regarded as a hardliner. But this time, while blaming America for the breakdown of the Geneva arms talks, Mr Romanov urged dialogue with Washington "on the cardinal problems of our time".

"How many times have you been told by the Soviet Union's highest representatives that we are ready to negotiate at any time" he remarked after his speech when asked what Moscow's conditions were. "The most important thing is to prevent the militarization of space."

The Romanov line coincides with Mr Reagans' stated willingness to negotiate a moratorium on space weapons testing. Mr Romanov was also sufficiently



Mr Romanov: Offer of an honest dialogue.

confident to comment on the startling reemergence of Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the dismissed chief-of-staff, who last week held high level talks in East Berlin. Although this has yet to be reported in the Soviet Press, which has not even announced Marshal Ogarkov's new post, Mr Romanov said he was now in command of the largest part of Russia's Western forces.

This supports the theory advanced by Soviet sources last month after Marshal Ogarkov's fall that he had been transferred to command the Western theatre of war. Although only operational in wartime, and a demotion for the once powerful chief-of-staff and First Deputy Defence Minister, the Western command is a senior appointment and suggests Marshal Ogarkov still wields influence.

Mr Romanov, who controls defence industries in the secretariat and has strong military links, was said to have been allied to Marshal Ogarkov in taking an ultra-hard line on arms control. Their joint comeback, with Mr Romanov moving to revive the "star wars" talks, suggests the hardliners may now be trying to cut the ground from under the feet of those more broadly identified with détente and dialogue such as Mr Gorbachov, a protégé of President Andropov and the leading contender to succeed Mr Chernenko, who has himself taken a dovish line.

Mr Gorbachov remains the most powerful Politburo member after Mr Chernenko, with control of appointments and personnel, the economy and ideology. The extraordinary *plenum, which has still not been* officially announced, may indicate whether his position as Kremlin number two is under challenge.

Observers were intrigued last weekend when Mr Viktor Afanasyev, the editor of *Pravda*, retracted his reported reference to Mr Gorbachov as "our *second General Secretary*". During a meeting with Japanese journalists Mr Afanasyev had confirmed there would be a special plenum on agriculture and personnel matters this month before next month's regular session, and suggested Russia now had two leaders: Mr Chernenko and Mr Gorbachov.

In the Byzantine and strictly hierarchical world of Soviet politics such a remark was bound to arouse antagonism toward Mr Gorbachov and reinforce suspicion that the pro-Gorbachov faction would like to hasten the departure of the ailing Mr Chernenko, aged 73.

These reports could also be part of a campaign to undermine the heir-apparent by suggesting that he is not only excessively ambitious at 53 but also has alarmingly unorthodox ideas which might challenge the conservative-minded party

Running the gauntlet of bandits and border patrols

Across the frontier of despair

Every night thousands of Mexicans try to elude border patrols and make a new life in the United States. Many get through. Many do not. In the third of a series on Hispanic people in the US IVOR DAVIS reports from San Ysidro, California.

As the sun set thousands of men, women and children, clutching plastic bags stuffed with clothes and food, gathered in Dead Man's Canyon just south of the border.

They huddled round fires as a cold wind blew in from the Pacific, only a mile away.

As darkness fell they began to spread out into the undergrowth, heading north. On the American side of the frontier, 100 yards away, border patrol men monitored underground sensors and watched through infra-red binoculars.

The scene was set for the ritual played out nightly along the 2,000-mile border. Many of the Mexicans are captured, deported in a bus and try again.

Last year more than a *million* were arrested. But the border patrol thinks that half a million got through, walking,

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dodging, and, the famous wetback way, swimming across the Rio Grande.

This year, with the continued devaluation of the Mexican peso causing more hardship in an already poverty-stricken country, even more are trying to cross the border.

During each of the nights I spent with the border patrol 700 would-be illegal migrants were picked up along a seven-*mile stretch near Tijuana*, the sleazy city that is the main jump-off point for the United States.

There was no violence. Once cornered by *patrolmen*, or caught in the blaze of helicopter searchlights, the migrants offered no resistance. About 1,600 people are arrested and deported every night along the frontier.

The border patrol wants its budget increased and more *recruits, not only to* make the frontier tighter, but also to fight the criminals who prey on hopeful and desperate migrants.

First there are the 'coyotes' who smuggle migrants for a $300 (£240) fee and pass them on to farms and factories eager for cheap labour.

Secondly, there are the bandits. The migrants, carrying their life savings with them, are easy targets. If they are fortunate they escape with their lives.

The San Diego police and the border patrol have set up a special force to tackle the bandits.

"We don't think our work is futile," Wayne Kirkpatrick, a border officer, said. "We have arrested over a million a year and at least we are a deterrent. If we were not here there would be millions more coming in. We are protecting jobs for American workers, saving taxpayers' money by keeping people off the welfare rolls, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical fees. We're doing a good job."

Concluded



Unlucky for some: US agents arrest a group of Mexicans, knowing they will return to try again.

Hongkong example to Taiwan says Deng

From David Bonavia, Peking

Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese elder statesman, has said that a military solution to the Taiwan question would be "a bad thing". But Mr Deng, who is chairman of the important military affairs commission said such a solution was possible if no peaceful one were found.

Writing in the magazine *Observation Post* he said that the recent agreement with Britain over the future of Hongkong showed the way to a solution of the Taiwan problem on the basis of "one country, two systems" – capitalism and socialism existing side-by-side in a united China.

Mr Deng reiterated Peking's position that Taiwan could keep its own armed forces in a future reunion with the mainland.

The recognized supreme leader of China repeatedly emphasized his Government's promise that Hongkong would keep its present economic system and "way of life" for 50 years after China resumes sovereignty over the territory in 1997.

Mr Deng's article coincided with reports that a plenary session of the Communist Party's central committee is meeting here to approve new reforms in Chinese industry.

● **Sino-Soviet talks:** Mr Leonid Ilyichev, the Soviet *vice-Foreign Minister*, arrived in Peking yesterday for a fifth round of Sino-Soviet talks and told reporters: "We never lose hope" that relations between the communist neighbours will improve (AP reports).

The talks began in October 1982 and have remained stalled by military and political obstacles.

Kasparov forces Karpov to offer a draw

Moscow (AP) – Gary Kasparov, the challenger, playing accurate defence and showing what one expert called "real spirit" for the first time in seven games, drew the thirteenth game of his challenge against the world chess champion Anatoly Karpov on Monday.

Karpov, playing white and leading 4-0, pondered the board for six or seven minutes and then took the unusual step of offering the draw before playing his thirtyfourth move.

He had taken an edge on move 21 after a series of complex manoeuvres but Kasparov's position was later too solid for the champion to be able to do anything constructive in the last six moves.

THIRTEENTH GAME
White Karpov, Black Kasparov

1	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	2	P-QB4	P-QKt3
3	P-KKt3	P-QB4	4	B-Kt2	B-Kt2
5	0-0	P-KKt3	6	Kt-QB3	B-KKt2
7	P-Q4	PxP	8	KtxP	BxB
9	KxB	0-0	10	P-K4	Q-B2
11	P-QKt3	KtxKP	12	KtxKt	Q-K4
13	Q-KB3	QxKt(Q4)	14	B-QR3	Kt-QB3
15	QR-Q1	Q-K4	16	RxQP	Q-QR4
17	BxKP	Kt-K4	18	Q-Q1	KtxR
19	QxKt	QxQRP	20	BxR	RxB
21	R-K1	QxQKtP	22	Kt-Q6	Q-QB6
23	R-K7	Q-KB3	24	Kt-K4	Q-Q5
25	QxQ	BxQ	26	R-Q7	B-Kt2
27	RxRP	P-R3	28	R-Kt7	B-Q5
29	R-Q7	B-Kt2	30	P-KR4	P-KB4
31	Kt-Q2	R-B3	32	R-QB7	R-K3
33	Kt-KB3	B-B3		Draw agreed.	

North Koreans agree to hold talks with Seoul

Tokyo (AP) – In its latest move towards opening dialogue with South Korea, North Korea agreed yesterday to the South's proposal for talks on trade and economic cooperation, suggesting a meeting on November 15 in the truce village of Panmunjom.

The talks would follow the successful transfer of North Korean flood relief to South Korea and the opening of a direct telephone line between the two late last month.

"It is our stand to achieve reunification through collaboration and unity between North and South under any circum*stances and to hold* . . . Red Cross talks or sports talks or economic talks, if they are substantially conducive to it," Mr Kim Hwan, a North Korean Vice-Premier, was quoted as saying in a letter to his counterpart in Seoul.

● **SEOUL: Meeting at the site of a religious retreat here, 35 people announced the formation of a National Council for Democracy and Unification which, they said, would serve as an umbrella organization for dissedent groups in South Korea.**

Morocco claims victory in Polisario offensive

From Godfrey Morrison, Rabat

Moroccan forces drove off a Polisario attack, killing 176 guerrillas with the loss of 37 of their own men in what appears to have been the biggest single engagement in the Western Sahara war so far this year.

An official communiqué issued in Rabat yesterday said the attack came at dawn on Saturday.

The Moroccans have greatly strengthened and extended their sand-wall defence lines, and most observers and diplomatic sources believe that they have steadily gained the upper hand.

The Polisario have been fighting the Moroccans for none than eight years to establish an indepenent state in the Western Sahara, which Rabat regards as part of Morocco.

The Moroccan communiqué described the fighting as "particularly intense", much of it man-to-man combat.

A number of guerrillas were captured and their statements and the Moroccan's own military observations proved that "the attack had been prepared and controlled from Algerian territory". The communiqué said.

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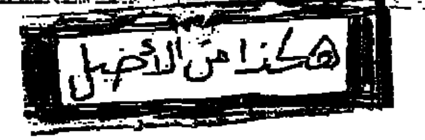
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Dance: John Percival out of town

A production to give years of pleasure

The Sleeping Beauty
Hippodrome, Birmingham

Perhaps the most important thing about Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's new production of *The Sleeping Beauty*, premièred at the handsomely refurbished Birmingham Hippodrome, is that it has a strong and apt visual style which seizes the imagination as well as the eye. Philip Prowse's designs have a flair, consistency and authority that compete in the same league as Messel's 1946 Covent Garden version and Georgiadis's for Nureyev.

Prowse has chosen gold, shadowed with black, as his principal colour. It glows richly but sombrely in the great hall for Aurora's christening, takes a pale sunshine in the palace gardens for her doomed coming-of-age party, frames a formal landscape for the arrival of Florimund, and glitters with mirrors and bright lamps for their wedding celebrations. As soon as the curtain rose, Monday's opening night audience saw that West Midlands Council had something to be proud of for their sponsorship: a production that will last to give years of pleasure.

To praise the designer first is not meant to put down the work of Peter Wright as producer. But his chief contribution is, very properly, that of presenting Petipa's choreography, as preserved and handed down thanks to Ninette de Valois, to whom Wright dedicates this production. The great virtue of his staging is its ceremoniousness, the pomp and pride of the processional entries, the bold clarity of the story-telling. That – and, of course, the sense of style that he has instilled into his company's dancers.

He rightly keeps Ashton's solo for Aurora in the vision scene (but sadly omits her bounding first entry in that act), and makes a homage to Ashton and Petipa in his partly new Act III pas de quatre to the "Jewels" music. His new solos for three men are fine (although Florimund's in the hunting scene seems out of mood), but Wright's new ensemble dances – the garland waltz and a wishy-washy arrangement for the panorama music – are poor stuff, conventional and dull.

The production's real test will come as successive casts take on the various roles; five Auroras and six Florimunds are announced for the opening tour, and the other roles will change almost as often. Chief honours at the première went to Roland Price, whose Florimund shows a splendid advance in his stature as a dancer for the big classic roles.

It is unfortunate that for his first entrance he wears Prowse's one disaster among the costumes, a blue uniform that makes him look like a hussar from a not very good regiment. But Price's bearing and presence have a new maturity, his partnering has come on apace (although still not without its precarious moments) and his solos have a sweeping strength.

Marion Tait shows an attractive phrasing on her solos as Aurora, and dances with sunny warmth even if the role really needs prettier and stronger feet than nature gave her. A pity that she is obliged to wear dull, heavy shoes while all her followers shine in pink satin.

Sandra Madgwick, as the Bluebird's enchanted princess, shone brightest among the classical dancers, and the opening cast had a notably gracious Lilac Fairy (a mimed role again in this version) and malevolently beautiful Carabosse in, respectively, Margaret Barbieri and Galina Samsova, both of them remembered gratefully as outstanding Auroras.

The general standard all through the evening showed that, although temporarily short of brilliant principal dancers, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet is particularly strong at the moment in both established and up-and-coming soloists. All praise, besides, to Barry Wordsworth and his orchestra for a buoyant account of Tchaikovsky's score that gave an added éclat to the evening's success.

Cinderella
New Theatre, Hull

Peter Darrell's *Cinderella* for Scottish Ballet starts with the immense advantage of a score made to measure for him by Bramwell Tovey from music by Rossini. Besides five numbers from the obvious source, *La Cenerentola*, he found unfamiliar ballet music from early operas and adapted some fantastical piano pieces from the late years. This is not only most attractive in itself, but enables Darrell to tell the story much better than the Prokofiev score allows.

The chief gains are in making the Prince a much more interesting character, who changes places with his equerry Dandini out of exasperation with court life, and in building up the love story. Giving the comic family their heads in Act I, Darrell keeps them firmly on the sidelines at the ball, concentrating on how the Prince falls for Cinderella because she has eyes only for him, in spite of the disguise that fools everyone else.

Darrell clinches his success by providing his leading couple with love duets that have a rare warmth and feeling, while also extending the dancers into a grander sweep of movement than any of our other choreographers since Ashton even attempt, let alone achieve.

Created in 1979, the production has come up sparkling fresh in the present revival, which is at Hull this week and Aberdeen from October 30. At the Theatre Royal, Bath, last week I saw the two newest of the alternating casts. Christine Camillo has a wonderfully assured style and confiding manner; Linda Packer is more wistful and marginally more expressive – but really both of them make Cinderella entirely captivating.

Vincent Hantam gets a lot of fun out of the Prince's ennui and puts a lot of feeling into his falling in love, besides dancing his solos with characteristic sparkle. Christopher Long tackles the role more conventionally, but with spirit, and partners Camillo ardently; at their performance Dandini emerged as a more vivid and comic character in the hands of Davide Bombana.

I thought the sharp, spiteful but very funny playing of Ruth Prior and Anna McCartney as the stepsisters has the edge on the preening snappiness that Judy Moheky and Sally Collard-Gentle gave them, but both pairs maintain the admirable ensemble playing that is one of Scottish Ballet's strengths. In spite of cutbacks (the Arts Council does not yet send its cash where its fine words are, in the regions), the company and its orchestra are in fine form. Any sponsor wanting a safe bet for next year's Edinburgh Festival would be wise to put his money now on Darrell's proposed *Carmen* ballet.



Roland Price: splendid advance as Florimund

Theatre

Can we share?

Gymslip Vicar
Warehouse

As the Warehouse programme does come with a cardboard vicar and hockey-field accessories ("just cut out and enjoy"), there is not much chance of having the Cliff Hanger Company under the Trade Descriptions Act; but if Ray Cooney happened to be in Monday night's audience looking for a quick laugh-riot replacement for *Top People* he must have come away disappointed.

"All human life is there", Rebecca Stevens announces at the corpse-strewn finale, and she has a point. *Gymslip Vicar* does take off from its own headline title into the world of tabloid sex 'n' violence, turning the scandalous tables on its purveyors and treating the spectators as its gullible consumers. One of the funniest scenes, a lakeside tête-à-tête between two homosexuals, begins with one of the partners hurling breadcrumbs at the audience to the sound of greedily quacking ducks.

But beyond the facts that a muck-raking reporter gets slung out of his home, having bred a son who can hardly move for bondage straps, and that upstanding Detective Inspector Ben has his own juicy little private life, I am by no means certain of what Miss Stevens and the rest of the writer-performer team are up to. See what you can made of the circumstances that Ted (the reporter) and Barry (Ben's co-investigator) change places, without their wives noticing the difference; that one of the wives has psychic powers that can knock a man out cold; and that the whole thing is framed within a police investigation on the evidence of Barry's tape-recorded experiences.

Apart from the questions of remembering who is the real Ted (or Barry, as the case may be) and whether we are watching a direct action or a taped re-enactment from Barry's point of view, there is the puzzle of why the investigation should be going on at all, as no crime takes place until the end of the play.

Even as I write this, I feel the plot details slipping beyond recall. And, as Cliff Hanger are a witty group who seem to know their business, I can only congratulate them on their skill in disorienting the spectator – always assuming this is what they had in mind. The show is put together like an assembly of solid floors, each one giving way under you feet in a sequence of reversals, contradictions and lateral gags. An opening siege scene gives way to the sight of a husband delivering birthday flowers; another visitor arrives to present the wife with a lettuce-dryer, at which there is a fatal knife chord predicting the end of the marriage; when the police question Ted about his dead child he replies: "What does any man do in that situation? I chopped her up."

Peter McCarthy, Tony Haase and a hugely-padded Robin Driscoll give every sign of relishing an excellent joke; it would be nice to share it.

Irving Wardle

Concerts

Magical fusion

Emil Gilels
St John's/Radio 3

Emil Gilels sets his own terms: it is no use negotiating. Why should a pianist who *can eat Beethoven's "Hammer*klavier" Sonata for breakfast devote a full half-hour to playing Scarlatti sonatas? One possible answer: to astound us by forcing us to marvel at how far an interpreter can go in making music his own. Scarlatti might barely recognize his inventions, but that is not the point. The music is now Gilels's – submit to it and be enthralled.

In the D minor Sonata, K32, Gilels finds a misty, plangent folk song, as near Russia as Spain; in the A major Sonata, K533, a flowing, curling legato dance. The F major Sonata, K518, is luminous with bright colours; the G major Sonata, K125, is a brilliant, shimmering toccata in which every note's weight and emphasis has been first thought out and then thrown to the winds.

In the best known Sonata of the group, the gentle B minor, K27, Gilels evokes a piercingly physical response: a spine-tingling insistence on the high crossed-hand repeated note, *growing ever fiercer until it* dissolves in a wash of sweetly over-pedalled sequences.

Where does Gilels find these sounds? Hidden somewhere deep in the keyboard, for depth is one clue to the frightening penetration of his playing: how else could the tumultuous chords of Debussy's *Pour le piano* be so sonorous, so hard and yet so warm? When he comes to its Scarlatti-like final toccata, the fingerwork has a hard, diamond-like edge, but the arpeggios are swept across the keyboard with a magical silken touch.

But this is more than mere conjuring and more than the sheer creation of sound. For every wonderfully contrived sound reflects a conviction about the music: it is a total fusion of composer and interpreter that tells us, for a few exalting moments, that the music can only sound this way.

Nicholas Kenyon

Rambling gestures

YMSO/Blair
Festival Hall

Julian Lloyd Webber's Travels with his Cello (he was signing the book of the concert afterwards) seem to have left him footsore, weary and not a little dazed. And, while the byways of music have, to quote, been rambled through, the highways, it seems, have been left rather too much to look after themselves.

Last night it was, for instance, Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme, with the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra. And, however willing the orchestra's own soloists under the baton of James Blair, too *little of the "real music"* which Liszt so fulsomely praised was convincingly recreated. Mr Lloyd Webber's gestures – the tossing head, the sideways fling of the wrist – have begun to caricature the romantic virtuoso we too seldom hear. When tired rubato and overliteral portamenti masquerade as true cantabile, and when corners of runs, trills and cadenzas are cut so hair-raisingly, there is certainly a good deal to worry about.

Even more disturbing, though, was the way in which the surface of the work's particular expressive character was so lightly and erratically skimmed. Perhaps Mr Lloyd Webber should incline his ear to the YMSO's superb cello section, whose playing in Tchaikovsky's *Hamlet* Overture and, particularly, at the end of his *Manfred* Symphony made such a telling contribution to the character of the entire evening.

The bold pacing of *Hamlet's episodes* augured well for the symphony's broader scale: Mr Blair's ability constantly to sustain as well as generate dramatic momentum urged on the obvious enthusiasm of his young players' advocacy of the symphony Tchaikovsky hated to love. It was, indeed, as much to his credit as to the composer's that there was consistently so much of true interest to listen to in the eye of the finale's hurricane.

Hilary Finch

Television

Confusing values

Four Years On: The Bomb (YTV) was yet another nuclear warning; and yet the unintended and unacknowledged result of this plethora of programmes on the subject may be to accustom people to the idea of nuclear destruction: television can mould, as well as reflect, reality.

Jonathan Dimbleby's contribution did not perhaps add much to the stock of public knowledge, and the usual contradictory litany of gloom or optimism from the "talking heads" only served further to confuse matters. What he did illuminate beyond the jungle of statistics, however, was the nature of the new hardware – most formidably the B1 (which turns out to be obsolete almost as soon as it is constructed) and the Pershing II.

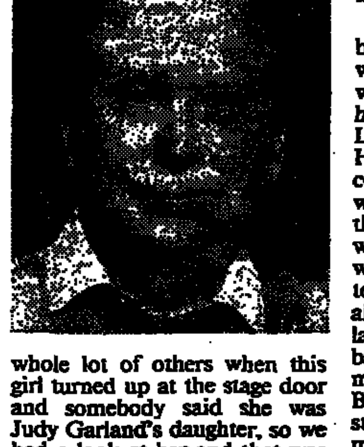
The value of these weapons is as much commercial as it is strategic, however, since they make profits for a number of different companies. The defence budget takes up some 300 thousand million dollars and, Mr Dimbleby explained, "one in 10 Americans rely either directly or indirectly on defence contracts". And so he concentrated upon the financial aspects of the nuclear business, or what might be called its supermarket context, in which the various glittering weapons are displayed on stands for visiting politicians and soldiers.

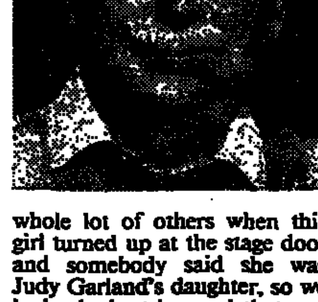
All of this was well documented and was sufficiently *chilling, despite the subtly anti*-American bias which always mitigates the effect of such programmes. But in the end, when we have digested all the figures and understood all the projections, we are left to confront a situation about which no one seems to agree and for which there is apparently no solution: the audience is baffled rather than enlightened, and feelings of helplessness will not encourage that clear thinking which the programme itself suggested was so urgent.

Peter Ackroyd

Sheridan Morley meets Arthur Whitelaw (right), whose *Blockheads* opens at the Mermaid tonight

Partners sublime





They were the first of the modern double acts: Stan Laurel, who like Chaplin came out of Victorian music halls in Britain, was the short, deprived one, Oliver Hardy, who came out of the backwoods of Georgia, was the big bully. Hardy once called them two heads without a single thought: in this country and America they topped most box-office polls in the late 1930s, but by 1954, when they closed their careers here at the Palladium, they could not even get arrested. Theirs has always been a good story: Laurel the bright one, haunted forever by Chaplin's ability to make it as a solo star, Hardy the dumb one who started out as a cinema manager and really wanted to be a lawyer.

They were made to be each other's opposites in almost every way: Laurel ambitious, tormented and inventive, where Hardy was forgetful, lazy and repetitive. They were also generally reckoned to have been two of the nicest men in the business.

Shows about Laurel and Hardy have been reasonably *thick on the ground: there was a* catastrophic musical which came into the Mayfair briefly about a decade ago, and since then, at the Tricycle and elsewhere, a rather more intriguing straight play about Laurel alone, though even that was called *Gone With Hardy*. Now, to the Mermaid tonight, comes *Blockheads*, a new Laurel and Hardy musical from the *Snoopy* team led by their American writer-producer-director Arthur Whitelaw and a show which, as he explains, came directly out of the *Peanuts* success:

"Just over a year ago, when we were first rehearsing *Snoopy* at the Watermill in Newbury. I looked at the actor who was then playing Linus, Mark Hadfield, and realized that he was a perfect ringer for Stan Laurel. I also remembered that Laurel was English, and I figured if we could build the show here and simply bring over one American [Kenneth Waller] to play Hardy, then if we had a hit Equity would allow us later to go back to Broadway with one Englishman still as Laurel."

Like *Snoopy*, *Blockheads* is built around a cast of seven and a small band; but there all resemblance ends, and although it is tempting to think of Whitelaw purely as the *Snoopy* stagehand, because he also put together the original *Peanuts* musical *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* nearly twenty years ago, he does in fact have a much more varied showbiz record.

Now 44, the son of a contract builder in Brooklyn, Whitelaw grew up round New York theatres and then went into television there in the great days of the John Frankenheimer live dramas:

"But I never really liked acting, because I felt I had no control over my own life if I was constantly up for hire. I wanted to get into management, so I went to work for David Merrick as a publicist and while I was there I had the idea of doing a revival of *Best Foot Forward* starring children of famous parents. Marvin Hamlisch was the rehearsal pianist and we had Oscar Levant's daughter already cast and a whole lot of others when this girl turned up at the stage door and somebody said she was Judy Garland's daughter, so we had a look at her and that was Liza and at 21 I had my first Broadway hit."

Whitelaw's luck then ran out with a couple of rapid flops, one of them an ambitious attempt to stage an evening of home movies of Hollywood stars, but then came the first *Charlie Brown* musical and with it a kind of guaranteed income:

"We had 13 American companies doing that show round the country and another seven abroad, all of which I either directed or produced. It was a simple enough idea: I'd always loved the *Snoopy* cartoons, so I looked up Mr Schultz in the phone book and asked him if I could have the stage rights.

"He said yes as long as I promised it wouldn't look like *The Sound of Music*. All we had was an 11-page outline script and 12 songs, but with those we went into rehearsal and on my twenty-seventh birthday I stood at the window of a skyscraper restaurant overlooking Broadway reading aloud over the phone to Schultz one of the greatest raves the *New York Times* ever gave a musical. Schultz said that was very nice, and now could he please see a script? We still didn't really have one, so I had somebody sit in the *stalls* on the second night and take the show down in shorthand and send him the transcript.

"That first *Snoopy* show became an annuity for me and with it I did *Butterflies Are Free*, which ran everywhere except *here. On the first night* in London I took the star Eileen Heckhart down Fleet Street to collect the reviews and each one was worse than the last. After the ninth stop Hecky said did we have to go on, but I figured we might get lucky so we got the tenth and that was worse than all the other nine. I think we lasted a month, then I went back to America and did a musical about the Marx Brothers. Groucho, who was still alive, offered to talke me to meet Stan Laurel, but stupidly I didn't and here we are now trying to do a show about him.

"There seem to be a lot of American musicals in London at present, maybe too many, but with *Blockheads* it made sense to start here because so much of Laurel's background was in the British theatre, which is where our show starts and ends. If it works we'll be on Broadway soon."

And, if not, there is always the chance of another *Peanuts* singalong to keep the backers at bay.

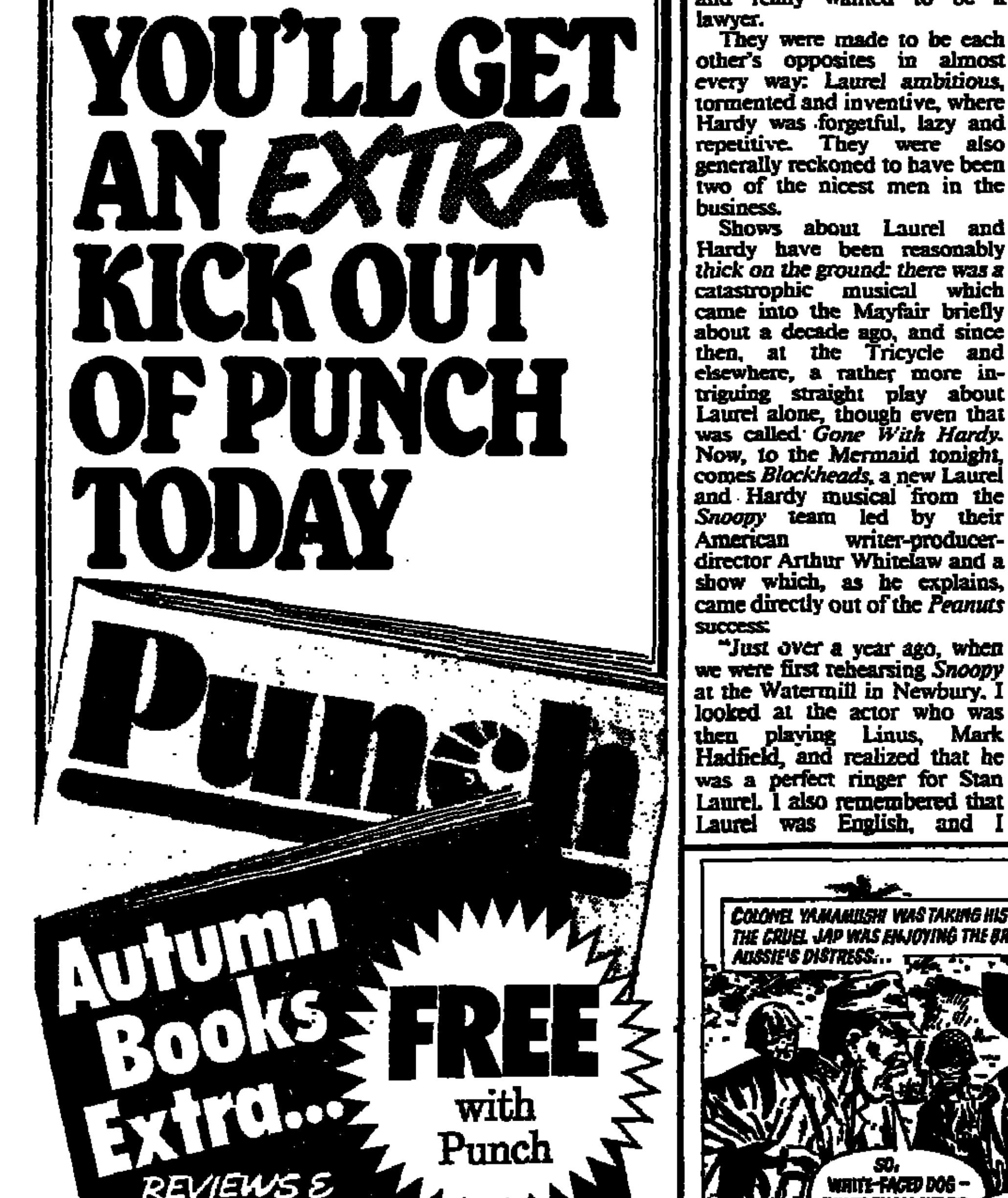
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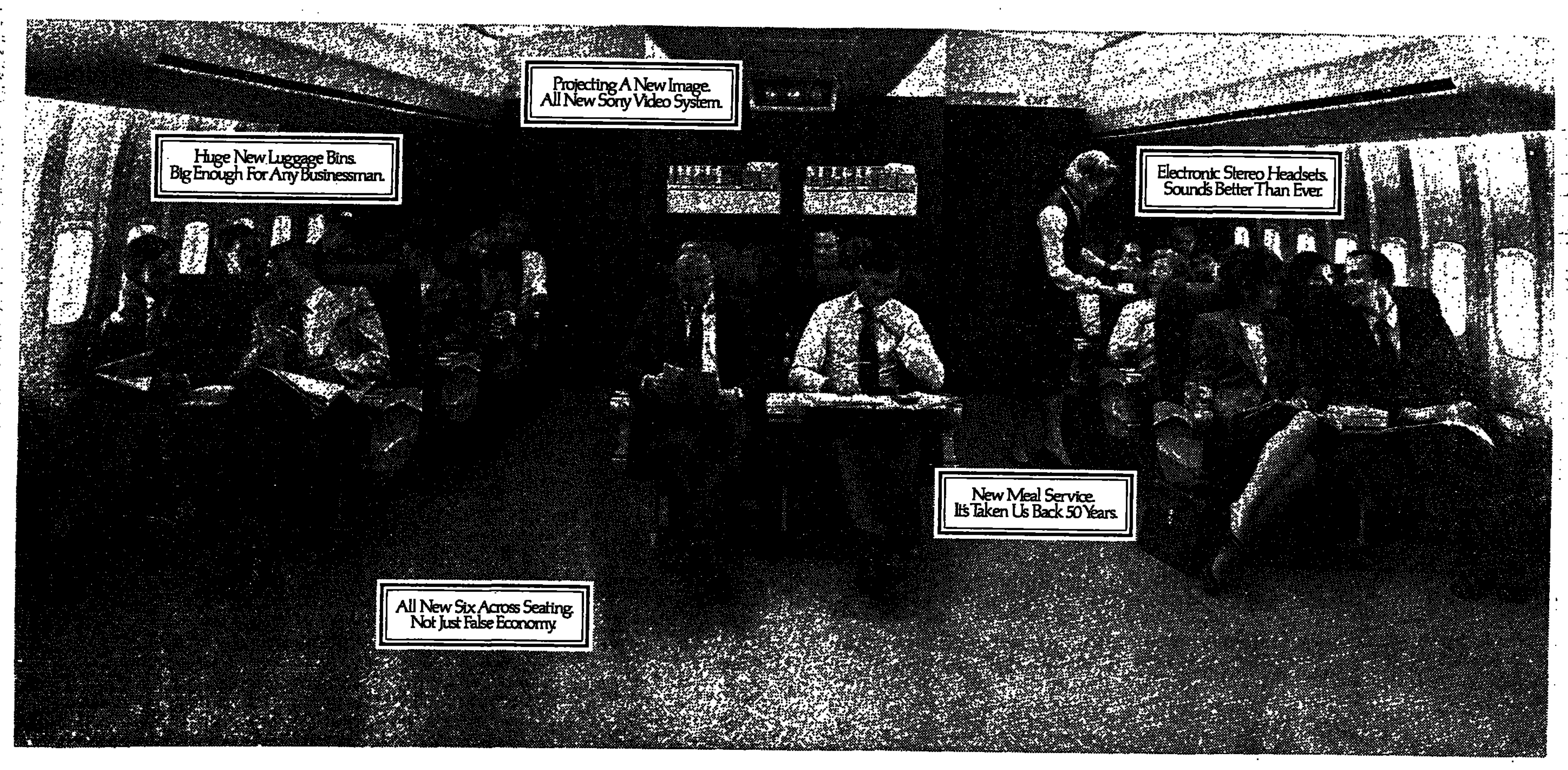
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In the last of his series on Eastern Europe **Roger Boyes** reveals the shades of illegal markets propping up the Communist systems

The marks saving Marx



Imagine the sense of wonder, the frustration of a tramp who, having spent his night wrapped up in newspapers in a Knightsbridge doorway, enters Harrods for a clandestine wash and brush-up.

Everything around him glitters or shimmers or smells of wealth. The salmon from Scotland, the cheeses, the sweetmeats are tangible, real, available but, for him, as elusive as quicksilver.

Most East Europeans – not just tramps, but workers, academics, housewives, craftsmen – are condemned to similar lives. They commute between two parallel worlds, a world of scarcity, measured by the length of its queues and the breadth of its empty shelves, and a world of unlimited possibilities.

In a country where it is technically impossible to buy a pair of shoes for a schoolchild, it is possible in practice not only to buy those simple shoes but also a silk shirt tailored by Pierre Cardin.

The dollar and the Deutschmark, even sterling, are at the heart of this conundrum. The flow of these currencies through the veins and arteries of East European economies has, in the short term at least, kept the consumer calm.

The grey, brown and black markets – the interweave of legal, semi-legal and outright criminal activities – have actually acted as a stabilizing element in Eastern Europe, defusing the tensions that build up at a time of chronic shortage.

But the huge, daily corruption that is eating into these socialist states, the creation of a gulf between those who have ready access to dollars and those who do not, all of this spells trouble for the long-term stability of the bloc.

Appetite for hard currency led them to set up networks of shops where only western cash is accepted. In Poland these are known as Pewex, in Czechoslovakia as Tuwex, in Bulgaria as Korekom, in East Germany as Intershop.

Consider the contrast. Depending on season and the temperament of the plan, it is difficult or impossible to buy the following goods in Polish shops for Polish currency: flour, butter, rice, most cereals, most kinds of meat, washing powder, hair shampoo, children's shoes, light bulbs, lavatory paper, coffee, sugar, oranges, bananas, school exercise books, chocolates, dictionaries, car batteries.

The list could cover a complete page of *The Times*. Now pass the shops by and enter a Pewex. Gaudy signs advertise chocolate bars that "help you work, rest and play", cartons of Marlboro and Kent cigarettes are piled up shoulder-high, the shelves are cluttered with tins of ham, jars of chocolate spread and the amber parades of whisky bottles.

Outside children push their noses against the smoked glass looking into the wonderland.

In the Eastern bloc it is illegal to sell or buy western currency but it is not illegal to possess it or spend it in the state-controlled stores, these staging posts of western consumerism.

Nobody in the shops asks where the money has come from. Theoretically it could have been sent through the post by a benevolent relative, or it could have been earned in legitimate work abroad. But most of the cash comes from the black market which flourishes and expands in a way that the official economies of Comecon have failed to do.

According to semi-official estimates between 50 and 70 per cent of expenditure in Poland is channelled into the second, black, economy. It is a market that thrives on the demand for the dollar, the constant shortages in the official shops, the poor quality of domestic products and official prices that are kept artificially low.

But the problem is that while these shops were set up to absorb some of the western currency that was already circulating and make some profit for the state (most hard currency stores make about $200m a year for their governments), the effect has been to make the dollar and the Deutschmark a central part of everyday survival.

A plumber in East Germany will come to your assistance for 10 West German marks but not for double that amount in East German currency.

In Poland a dollar bribe to a car mechanic not only ensures speedier repair work – it also reduces the likelihood that he will swap your perfectly functioning car battery with a defective one.

In Romania, a carton of Kent cigarettes, the safer form of currency, will guarantee the same.

But the social divisions that are opening up as a result of this parallel existence are slowly being recognized.

A Czech commentator said on Bratislava Radio: "It is not easy to fight bribery because it often helps us to achieve something we want very much, and even the most principled of us will bend our principles.

"Usually two are involved, he who bribes and he who is bribed. But who will bribe a miner? A steel foundryman? A woman working in a textile mill? A milkmaid or other honest working people?"

Who indeed? It was inevitable that the Solidarity revolution was sparked off by Gdansk shipyard workers. Nobody bribes such workers, though they may have put in long years of apprenticeship. Nor do they have access to hard currency except by finding an illegal dealer and cashing in a substantial slice of their wage packet.

They are urged to work harder but the incentive to do so is a small increase in their zloty wage that can buy next to nothing in the official shops.

"The problem", a Hungarian sociologist comments, "is that black markets have become a substitute for reform. The idea of reform in most East European countries is to introduce more market mechanisms into everyday life.

"But too many entrenched interests are challenged by such far-reaching changes. There are too many bureaucrats with desks to lose. The result is that the underground markets – the grey, the brown and the black – take over the market mechanism, try to match supply with demand by dealing in dollar denominations or large, 'realistic', quantities of local currency."

Hungary which has managed to push its economic reforms the furthest, the key symptoms being relatively full shops but high prices, is also the least troubled by a dollar black market.

The usual chain of bribes can be found when, for example, an individual tries to build a house, but western currency does not play a central role.

Grey markets usually offer legally acquired goods or services in an illegal way. At its most harmless, the grey market is best observed in the early evening when old ladies appear in the streets of Warsaw, Cracow, East Berlin and Prague to sell flowers to those who are invited to dinner.

The flowers are being sold after official closing hours by people who do not have official trading licences at uncontrolled prices, but the practice is tolerated by police in all these countries.

Usually, grey markets involve the sale of services. A gynaecologist working in a state-run hospital who offers to carry out an abortion after hours is a common example in every Eastern bloc country.

Abortion is legal throughout Eastern Europe but it is often a faceless, harsh process. Rarely is an anaesthetic offered and the patient is frequently expected to take the bus home straight afterwards.

A state doctor with a private practice on the side can offer more personal treatment – for a hefty fee in local or hard currency.

The colours grow darker as the scope for corruption increases. The brown market includes sales clerks who hide a new intake of linen or meat or books when it arrives and then telephone regular clients, in return for a bribe.

The Berlin-Warsaw express is a brown market on wheels. Poles who work in East Germany come back to the motherland at the weekends with suitcases full not of dirty washing but of chocolate or coffee for resale to dealers.

As soon as the train crosses the East German-Polish border dealers put their heads into compartments in mute inquiry. By the time the first Polish stop has been reached, the exchange has been carried out, usually in the lavatory – two months' salary for a caseload of chocolate which will end up at five times the price in private Polish shops.

This is a brown market because the chocolate has been legally acquired and because the illegality of a bag full of sweets is difficult to prove.

The full-blown black market includes those who deal with stolen goods, the wholesale profiteers who buy goods diverted from official shops, the bigtime smugglers, the currency speculators, the prostitutes and the underground entrepreneurs.

Most professional black marketeers live in their own special milieux – in Warsaw it is the Praga district – and haunt specific cafes. They have an independent information exchange and know which policemen are bent or bendable.

In East Berlin the marketeers have contacts with third world diplomats who can travel without impediment through the wall into West Berlin and return stocked to the gunwales with scarce merchandise.

In Bulgaria two or three big gangs have sewn up the seaside resorts and both Burgas and Varna are key black market centres.

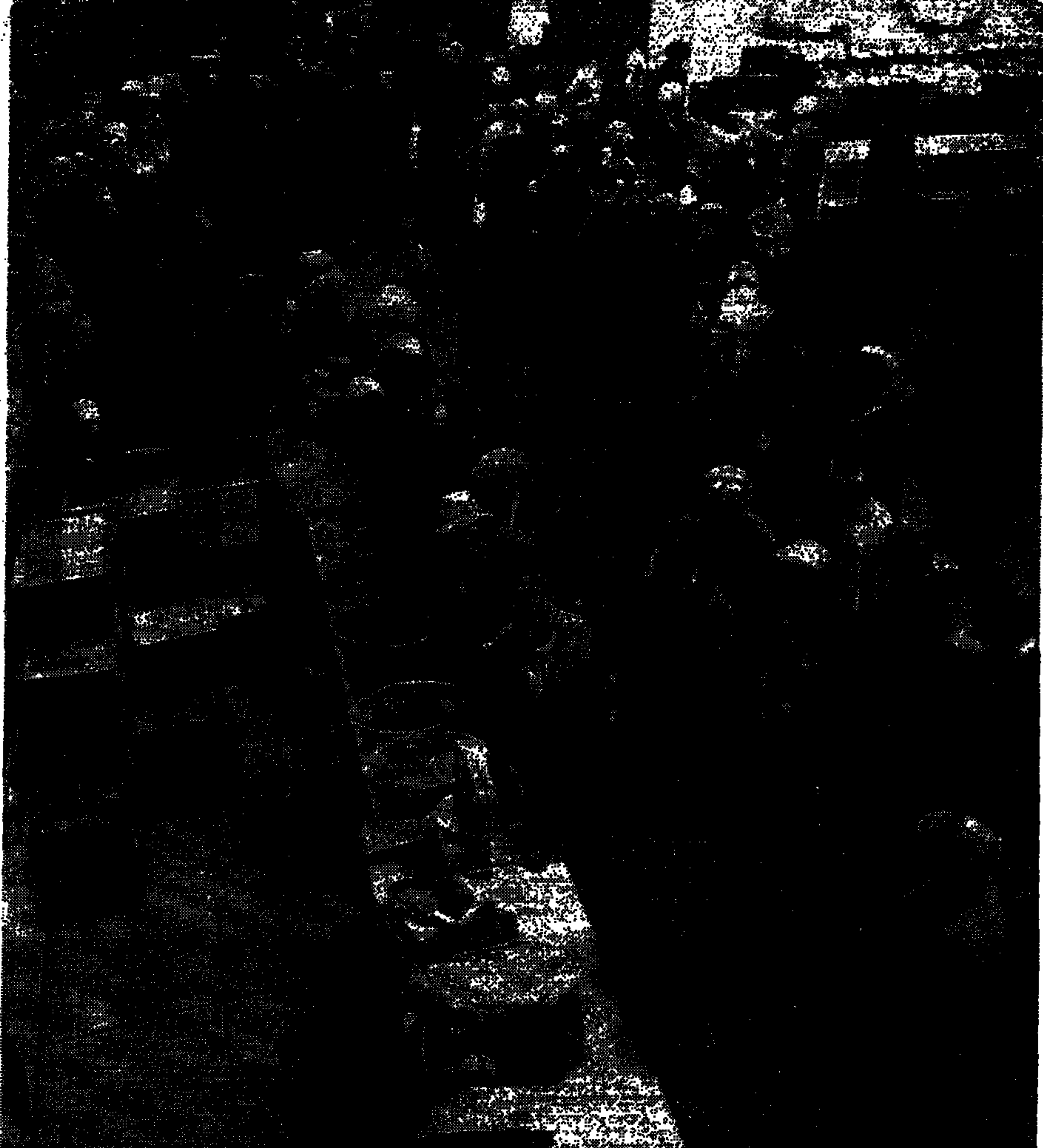
Not just Solidarity but also hardline Marxists sense that there is something gravely wrong with a socialist state that not only allows but also contributes to the prosperity of these dealers.

But they make the error of pursuing private businessmen, many of whom operate well within the law, on the assumption that private enterprise equals corruption. Slowly, the workers of Eastern Europe are beginning to see behind this posturing: the real problem lies in governments that lack the courage to change the system in a way that satisfies the basic needs of the population.

Black marketeers are despised in Eastern Europe but they exist because they are needed. Sooner rather than later, the frustrated consumers of Comecon are going to demand that communist authorities introduce genuine market mechanisms and disenfranchise the shady criminal entrepreneurs.



In some shops only western money is accepted



Poles queue in front of a department store where they hope to buy sweets and chocolates for Christmas

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Why Kenneth Griffith is making a film sympathetic to Afrikaner history

A British rebel defends the Boers

"No one dares speak up for the Afrikaner. We are asking the South Africans to do what we would not even *contemplate*, given the same difficulties. And it is the Afrikaner who must carry the burden while the English population here in South Africa does nothing but mumble vaguely liberal sentiments."

Celtic passion is alive and well and living on the shores of a South African lagoon. At Knysna, a stone's throw from where the white man first set foot on Southern Africa, Kenneth Griffith is preparing to lay bare yet another infamous chapter in the history of the British empire. He will film the life of Paul Kruger and the events which culminated in the Boer War.

We are seated in the study of a rambling colonial bungalow, a room crammed with books and documents, research material for Griffith's next nine commissioned films. At 62 he has built up a considerable reputation as a radical film-maker of a series of highly subjective drama-documentaries which have enthralled his audience and invoked the wrath of the establishment.

He is quick to deny that he ever deliberately sets out to be controversial. "I do believe I have a strong feeling for human justice and anything I do is actuated by that feeling."

"I have a compulsion to jump to the defence of a nation or a person who is being cast in the role of villain, because you so often find they are no more villainous than the rest of us. What touches me off is a feeling that an attitude is unfair. I've long admired Kruger – more than any other human being he dictated the quality of life on this subcontinent."

"One of the main aims in making the film is that the Afrikaner point of view be seen overseas. I'm appalled at the hypocrisy in the world today. People don't look beyond their noses, they don't even begin to try and understand the problems here in southern Africa, or to consider the awful consequences of the course of action they believe to be right. I have not lost one single jot of sympathy for the blacks but I would love to ask Mrs Helen Suzman exactly what she and her political party are advocating.

"If there was one person, one vote, would she disagree that within a decade – after all the blood had been shed – that the limited democracy that exists here would promptly end? That south of the Limpopo river what you would have would be a one-party, Zulu-dominated state, where corruption would be multiplied 1,000 times – as has happened elsewhere in Africa?

"It isn't a question of preserving material advantages, but of European standards, with all their faults. I can see no easy solution. All I can say is that on this day in 1984 I don't want to see the end of those standards in southern Africa.

"Of one thing I'm certain, there can be no progress until we realize just what a schism exists between the Afrikaner and the Brit which, I submit, was created by British imperialism, and which led to the Boer War. People here don't forget easily the 26,000 Afrikaner women and children who died in the British concentration camps."

Griffith first came to South Africa as an actor with the Old Vic in 1952. "Apartheid had been in operation four years. I was shocked at the injustice and quickly became involved in anti-apartheid activities. When asked to give a talk on the Old Vic I stood up in front of the audience and said that I couldn't possibly talk about anything so unimportant, given what was going on around us.

"An old friend showed me over the battlefields of Natal and that experience was very evocative, the graves scattered over the koppies."

The curious thing was that the more I learned about South Africa the more my sympathy for the Afrikaner grew. It stimulated my whole interest in history, and in British imperialism.

Out of the blue, Huw Wheldon and David Attenborough, then at the BBC, made Griffith an offer. "Make a film on your enthusiasm." The actor was completely taken aback and told them he was neither a film-maker nor a writer. "We'll pay you to try", came the reply.

He returned to Natal and began work on The Siege and Relief of Ladysmith. "When they realized my intentions the BBC took fright. They remonstrated that I couldn't possibly stand in front of the camera and talk. But I did. I stood on the battlefields and made the first of the films that were to take over my life."

Despite critical success, Griffith's path as a film-maker has not been easy. "I've ben accused of being a Marxist, a fascist, a traitor – and probably worst of all in most people's eyes – inconsistent. It confuses people if you don't belong to one party or one faith. I simply see things from by own head.

"I was a radical socialist. I'm now a radical Tory – it has been a very painful journey.

"A lot of people will be upset by what I have to say in the Kruger film. It will tell what South Africa is about. In 1836 they left the land of their birth in the Cape and made their incredible trek northwards to escape the yoke of government from Whitehall. They thought they had succeeded when they signed the Sand River Convention in which Britain guaranteed them the right to manage their own affairs.

"It is one of the greatest tragedies that Britain was unable to keep to this promise. Then there occurred the two biggest disasters in Afrikaner history – the discovery of gold and diamonds on their territory. The first gave the English an unhealthy interest in the Rand and the second opened the floodgates until they were engulfed in a sea of human greed. War was the result.

"A friend of mine, a radical Jewish journalist here in South Africa recently had a grave warning for me. 'Don't make the Kruger film, don't be an apologist for the Afrikaner, it will finish you in Europe.' I'm willing to take my chances."

Ros Drinkwater



Kenneth Griffith in one of the Boer War graveyards which he finds evocative

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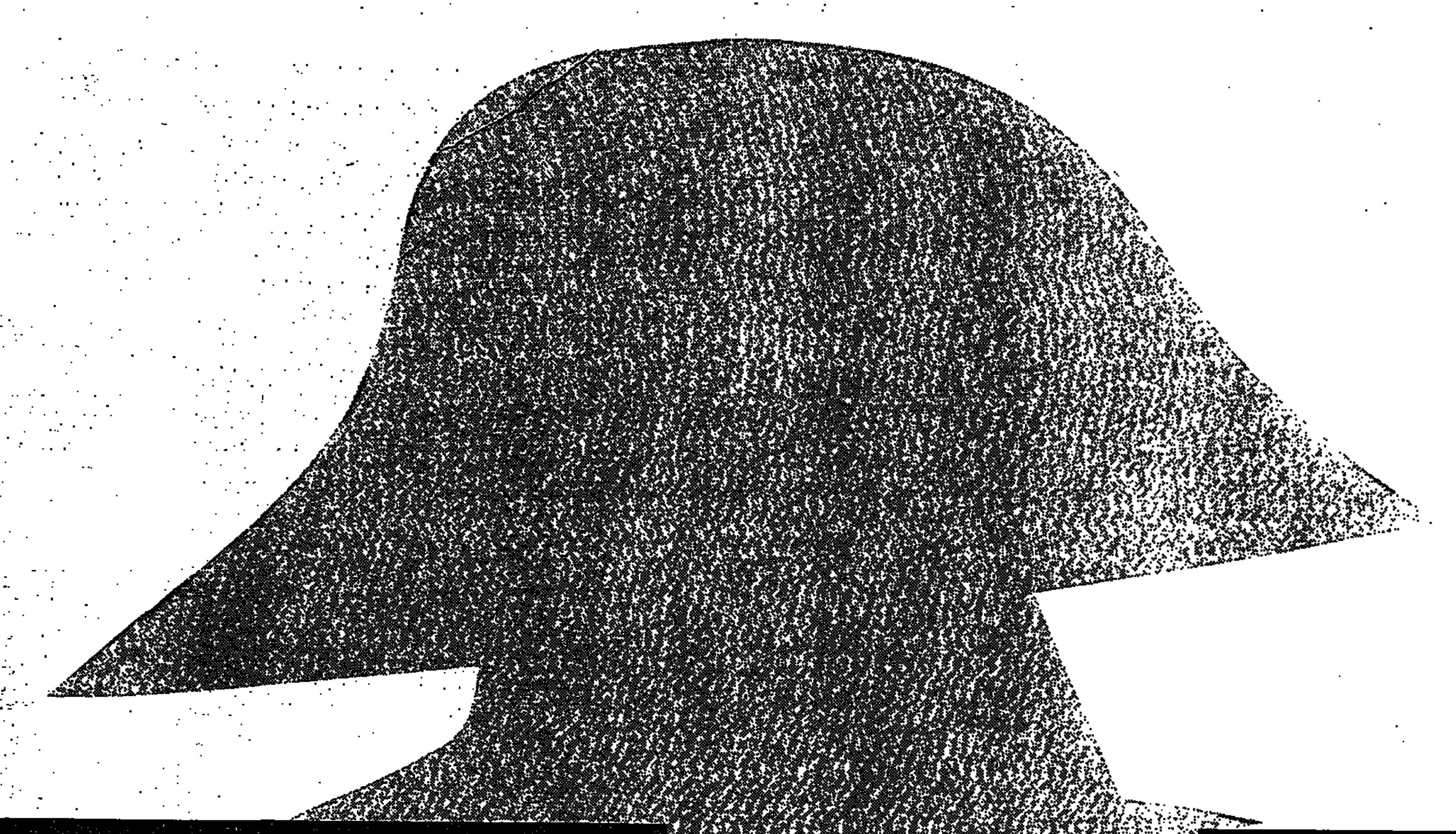
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How the British sank their first Cognac Courvoisier.

Cognac has long been a favourite of the British.

As far back as 1780, Dr Samuel Johnson made the following observation.

Claret is for boys, port is for men. But cognac is a drink for heroes.

Be that as it may, cognac was certainly a favourite of one hero of the time.

Napoleon Bonaparte.

Courvoisier is the only cognac to be honoured with The Diploma Prestige de la France, the French award for excellence.

In fact his love of cognac was only outweighed by his dislike of the British. So the chances of the British getting their hands on the Emperor's favourite cognac, were somewhat slim.

Circumstances changed that.

In 1815, after his abdication, Napoleon arranged to leave secretly for the United States of America.

He loaded two ships with a variety of provisions, including cognac supplied by Emmanuel Courvoisier.

In 1860, Felix Courvoisier was appointed official purveyor of cognacs to the Court of Napoleon III.

Napoleon subsequently changed his mind and decided to give himself up to the British.

All his belongings, including the cognac were eventually transferred to the HMS Northumberland, thus giving the British officers ample time to taste the cognac.

In fact they got such a taste for it that Courvoisier became known as the cognac of Napoleon.

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COURVOISIER

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The Born Leader

WEDNESDAY PAGE 1

Children condemned to hospital

Gerry Northam on how US doctors profit from psychiatry

"We say you're gonna be OK! 'Cause you are!" The message comes from Madison Avenue with undiluted New Optimism. "We say this to all our patients in a warm, friendly way, giving them hope. They'll find no judgments here, only love, understanding and caring recovery." The voice is straight from America's favourite soap opera, *General Hospital*. Its target, the thousands of parents who have lost control of their children. Or could they be numbered as the admen dream, in millions?

They are selling two of the biggest growth areas in private medicine – adolescent psychiatry and withdrawal from alcohol and drugs, known as Chemical Dependency. In the business they call them ad-psych and CD, and, as tomorrow's Radio 4 documentary *The Child Fixers* reports, the business has doubled in five years. Hospitals which were struggling to break even in heart surgery, obstetrics and intensive care have closed these unprofitable wings and opened "secure units" for difficult adolescents. From their windowless ground floors and the labyrinth of locked corridors inside, they might more honestly be called private prisons.

One hospital chief executive expressed the commercial imperative behind his own Youth Centre: "To remain viable you have to produce a bottom line. We can make money around behavioural medicine, but we don't make money on open-heart or cataract specialties. So we go for the lines of business that we can provide at a profit".

It's the medical insurance companies which have financed the boom. Most of them maintain strict limits on the length of stay for which they are liable if a policyholder is sent to hospital with a broken leg or a damaged kidney. Precision is elusive, however, in claims for children in psychiatric treatment.

At another hospital, the president and psychiatrist-in-chief said his patients stayed an average of two years, which would put it beyond the private means of all but the super-rich, but that no insurance company had balked at paying up. His fee per patient per day is 410 dollars a little over £300, and, although that is above average, fees in the range of 250 dollars a day (£200) are considered moderate.

When the largest insurance group, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, a non-profit company, decided to check on how many of the children they were paying for really needed to be in psychiatric hospitals, they were horrified at what they found.

Most treatment centres, they say, kept inadequate medical records and their psychiatrists showed simply an unsupported diagnosis for each patient – with no record at all of the patient's behaviour or use of drugs before admission. One hospital recorded "emotionally handicapped" as a diagnosis, and when asked for details could say only that the child lacked respect for authority and was missing school.

So Blue Cross and Blue Shield began refusing to pay for patients who had been held for too long, or who shouldn't have been in hospital at all. They admit, however, that their procedures are inevitabley cumbersome, and most abuses probably remain undetected.

The number of patients has grown partly for reasons any parent can understand. There are more ways than ever for their children to be difficult, greater emphasis on early adulthood and independence before the age of majority. For some parents the social embarrassment of a punk daughter or a rebellious son may be enough for them to be attracted by advertisements which offer, in the warmest, friendliest way, to make them better children. After nose-jobs and custom cars, why not a fashion for restyling your children? For others, family life may be at breaking-point when a social worker suggests that it would perhaps help if Sonny went into treatment for a while.



Shawn: An unwilling patient who was drugged and locked up

With no problems about constitutional rights for the under-16s, the formalities of admission can soon be satisfied. If the parents give their consent, the child is deemed a voluntary patient whose own wishes are superseded. Staff at an ad-psych centre may effect an immediate evaluation, and the requirement of a doctor's order can be met by telephoning one of the hospital's regular psychiatrists, who will visit the new patient within two or three days to confirm the diagnosis, and continue visits three times a week for a fee of $90 (about (about £70) a visit. There will be just one further formality, the matter of financial coverage. Do the parents perhaps have medical insurance?

Research by the Univeristy of Minnesota into that State's blossoming ad-psych and CD provision found a large proportion of patients who showed no signs of mental illness. "When you make a visit, you find one or two kids who have very serious mental health problems or serious histories of drug or alcohol abuse. The rest range from kids who are runaways and truants to those who are basically a nuisance and a pain in the neck. And they tend to be white. The black and hispanic kids have parents who can't afford insurance, so remarkably they don't have the psychiatric problems and they show up in detention centres."

This academic assessment is echoed in that of Shawn, a former patient at Minnesota's biggest psychiatric hospital, who claims that his three-month stay was marked by constant trouble, during which he was given several shots of a major tranquiliser, and at one point was strapped to a bare bed in a locked "Quiet Room" for 12½ hours. Of his fellow patients, this 15-year-old formed the view that most did not need treatment: "There were two girls in there for prostitution. Most of the kids were in there for using drugs and having problems at home or at school. I saw only one dude who was a fruitcake.

"It's supposed to be a fruitcake ward, but the other kids were just like me, rebelling against whatever they were rebelling against. This teenager was candid about his own rebellion. It had taken him through a cocktail of narcotics and two petty thefts in the street, but to the untrained eye he showed no symptons of mental illness.

The patients' rights advocates in the local Mental Health Association too have found demand for their services increasingly bouyant. One said that after a recent success in having an unconsenting teenage patient discharged, he was distressed to find that she had been so heavily tranquillised that she was unable to walk and had to be taken drooling in a wheelchair to a car. Anxious about withdrawal symptoms, he arranged for an independent psychiatrist to monitor her, but after four days the psychiatrist said there was no reason to continue treating her because she was not mentally ill.

"It makes you wonder what the problem was in the first place", says the advocate. "She certainly made a spontaneous recovery – and the only other time I've seen that happen is when the insurance is about to run out."

Across the United States, there is no indication that the insurance is about to run out. The ad-psych business it has financed seems to have hit a bonanza. Now in Britian, too, signs are visible of a commercial link between private psychiatric hospitals for adolescents and medical insurance companies which cover their families.

There are differences, of course, most notably that almost all psychiatric medicine comes under the NHS. And the longest stays would be cut out by the medical insurance companies' limit for payment.

I have heard no suggestion that children are currently being given psychiatric treatment in hospital in Britain who don't need it, nor that they are being held longer than necessary, but the similarities between Britain today and the United States ten years ago are close, and perhaps too close for comfort in the approaches of government and law.

British children under 16 have no protection against their parents' decision to put them in psychiatric treatment. If they were in the care of a local authority, a magistrates' order would be required before they could be locked in "secure" accommodation, but no such hearing is demanded by law if they have been volunteered as patients by their parents. They have no more right to due process than American children have.

Under a government which is unlikely to resist any growth in private medicine, our resemblance is so close to the United States when its own boom was just beginning that from the University of Minnesota's study team comes a warning – the warning of those who have seen the future and its price.

TALKBACK

Middle age misunderstood

From: Yvonne Roberts, 57 Hambalt Road, London SW4.

Bryan Appleyard (Moans of the Middle-Aged Male, October 10) must have been so handicapped with his own preoccupations (onset of middle age?) that he paid scant regard to the introduction to my book *Man Enough* hence his total misunderstanding of its aims.

Mr Appleyard believes I interviewed 22 men to reinforce masculine stereotypes. I regarded the men as "pointless" it they failed to fit a "category", and I have a "world view" of male attitudes. All of which I allegedly accomplished through the "distorting lens" of "feminism", "soft leftishness" and "the ideology of sex" (whatever that might be). Not only is this pretentious waffle; it is untrue.

I wrote the book precisely because I was tired of the stereotypes. Far from subduing variety in the opposite sex as Mr Appleyard claims, I was seeking to find it.

The book has no "categories" nor, indeed, any comments about individual men. The 22 spoke for themselves. In short, I listened to a small group of men at length, not to judge them but to understand better their views. Has Mr Appleyard read the book?

He writes that he feels *nothing* but "dim horror" for the 22, whom he refers to as my "victims". I fear the only victims are the four who have fallen prey to Mr Appleyard. He unfairly used very short extracts from their interviews, which made them appear self-centred and ridiculous.

According to Mr Appleyard's "world view" theory, I should see his rather cruel selectivity as an example of man's sterotypical inhumanity to man. I do not. I regard it only as evidence that he began with a muddled thesis and tried to tailor the material in my book to suit it. I'm sure he will be man enough to concede that he has failed.

News that keeps

From: Margaret G. Powling, 9 Peters Crescent, Marldon, Paignton, Devon.

I too, am in favour of a throwaway life style (The Monday Page, September 24). But how about a "not read until..." date on all newspapers? I find much to interest me when they are (at the very least) one day old, and they improve beyond measure during the next week or fornight! News on the day of publication is like uripened fruit – too raw for consumption!

Rewards abroad

From: Barbara Anne Freeman, 11 Deepdale, London SW10.

I read with interest the article Life As An Englishman Abroad (The Monday page, October 1) since I spent several years in South-East Asia as a journalist, and later as a wife and mother. The writer omits to mention the *rewards* of expatriate life, which are (usually) greatly increased salary, free housing, willing and affordable domestic help, and the opportunity for real travel.

When people fail to adapt it is often because (a) they had problems before they left, (b) they didn't *want* to change their way of life, (c) husband and wife never did communicate very well.

I'm sorry to say that in that part of "abroad" which I am familiar with, we British are not infrequently known as moaners and misers (holding tight to all that cash?)

Haven in the East

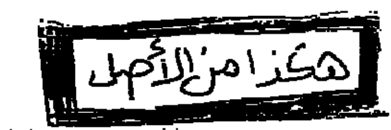
From: E. A. S. Lidderdale, 15 Wallgrave Road, London SW5.

Your intriguing article about marriage to Japanese (October 3) appears to consider it natural that the foreign wife should want to retain her previous Western life-style. But it should not be overlooked that there are many cases in which the foreign wife, by making the effort to enter totally into the Japanese life-style, has discovered a level of security and belonging that she had not experienced in her own country. The highly structured nature of Japanese society need not necessarily be a barrier, but can sometimes prove a positive attraction.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE 2

Bernadette Scanlon, adopted at three months in 1954, describes her extraordinary quest

The day I found my mother



She was late. Not very, but it had been half an hour since my flight arrived at Belfast Airport.

Always I had fondly imagined my natural mother to be just like me, but did she have to be unpunctual as well? Especially on this, our first meeting since she had given me up for adoption, aged three months, in 1954.

Suddenly I heard a man's voice close by. There was no mistaking it, it was the same voice which, two days earlier, had said into the telephone: "Well, you've found your mother then, Bernadette." It was her husband, Dan.

He folded his arms around me and I responded uncertainly. He had learned only a few days previously that his wife had had a baby girl adopted six years before they had married. He lifted my luggage and we set off to meet my mother, Moira.

He was savouring the moment, she was clearly postponing it and I too was gripped by a sudden impulse to run but the desire to see it through now that I'd come this far was overriding.

I noticed a small, stunningly dark-haired women throw a half-smoked cigarette to the ground and approach. There was no sudden surge of emotion, instead she stretched her arms out awkwardly and I turned my cheek to receive her kiss.

It was not a spontaneous gesture, it was one Moira had rehearsed over and over in those fretful moments while she waited for her past to catch up with her.

For a few seconds I may have held her hands, I don't recall exactly. Everything around us seemed to come to a halt, the moment had a curiously ethereal feel to it. My eyes scanned her face rather as you might search urgently for the hallmark if you'd just uncovered a haul of bullion. But there was no immediate recognition.

Her hair was black, streaked slightly now with grey whereas mine is auburn, her nose was straighter, her mouth wider, her eyes were brown as mine are but somehow they seemed much darker, and more mournful.

I could have passed her by a thousand times and never given it a thought. And yet, now we were standing face to face, there was something intangible, an immediate bond between us.

It was hard to look her in the eye, however. Whenever I did I saw a pain and fear so acute that it made me feel like a Judas. If I had come here to be mothered I now, instead, found myself feeling maternal and protective.

My childhood had, so far as I recall, been happy. Both myself and my adopted sister, who ironically had been called Moira, had always known we were adopted. Indeed, our adoptive parents made a virtue of it. We were special, they told us, because they had really wanted us.

From the age of about 21 I knew I would some day find out more about my natural mother.

But I didn't get round to doing anything about it until I was 29. One day, on impulse, I rang The Crusade of Rescue and Homes for Destitute Catholic Children. Yes, they had a file on me, but first I would have to get my original birth certificate from St Catherine's House. It would be under my mother's maiden name. I found it – Bernadette Riley, born of Moira Riley, March 9, 1954.

The meeting with the social worker was depressing. Details were sketchy, caution and patience were advised. "You have to accept that she may not want to see you."

She produced a photocopy of the form my mother had signed to release me for adoption. It had her name, place of birth, County Cork in Ireland. She had been 21, alone and pregnant in London. She was giving me up, she said, "so that she can have a good Catholic home which I am unable to provide . . .".

From that moment, I knew that seeing her would not be enough, deep down I knew I loved her already.

Some months passed before I decided to take a gamble and write to the parish priest in her birthplace in County Cork. I told him the whole story and asked him to look through the register of births to find a Moira Riley born in 1934-35.

A week of anxiously waiting for the morning post or a telephone call passed before his letter arrived on July 22. Yes, a relative of Moira's knew of my existence. My mother was married and living in Northern Ireland. Her address was there too. My God, I had passed within a few miles of it on a recent journalistic assignment.

One of her brothers, Paul, was a priest working in Suffolk. He seemed like the best line of approach. We agreed to meet.

As you might expect, it was slightly awkward. He clearly wasn't convinced that I ought to contact her, he was worried about the effect it would have on her – and Dan. He told me I had six brothers and sisters and I ordered a double gin!

He must have felt it was an awesome responsibility but he agreed to make the approach for me when Moira came to England in October.

"Is there any doubt?" I asked. "Goodness, no," he said, "you look just like her. Don't worry, I'll be in touch."

I went home, bored all my friends, day-dreamed and read everything I could about Ireland. I resisted the temptation to do anything without Paul. I was doing very well, in fact, when one morning the phone rang and an Irish man's voice said: "Is that Bernadette?"

"Yes."

"Well you've found your mother then . . ."

"Who is this?"

"This is her husband, Dan."

My heart missed a beat: "How do you know about it?"

"Relations of hers in Cork."

"But I've tried to do it all so discreetly, no one is supposed to know yet."

"Well now, Bernadette. I've been married 22 years and I didn't know anything about you. Your mother's damned near having a nervous breakdown."

Suddenly the enormity of what was happening hit me – I feared I'd blown it. Then his voice cracked and softened. He told me I had six brothers and sisters.

"Anyway", he said, "I bet you're really beautiful."

"How romantically Irish".

"And do you have brown eyes?"

"Yes".

"Well I'll be ringing you later. You know in all my married life there's never been a dull moment with Moira."

For the next few hours I sat in a total daze. Was this real or was it Hollywood? When the phone rang again I already knew it would be Moira.

Her voice was deep and warm and hesitant. We stumbled to make conversation, neither knowing quite what to say but not wanting to put the phone down. Eventually she said: "Well, do you blame me for having you adopted?" I assured her I didn't but she didn't sound convinced and went on to tell me how she'd had no choice, she was young, naive, alone, penniless and pregnant in London. Things were different in 1954.

Then she said: "Anyway, love, now that I've spoken to you I don't think I could resist meeting you, just to have a look. What do you think?"

Was she that unsure? Did she really think that if I'd gone to the trouble of tracing her that I wouldn't want to see her?

A couple of hours later Dan rang again: "Can you get your bags packed to come over on Thursday?" Rationally, I felt it unwise. Emotionally I couldn't help but go. And so it was we met in Belfast, and in the early evening we arrived in Donegal.

One brother was in the house at the time. He hid away for a day or so but the following evening took me dancing. His tongue loosened by several pints, he said suddenly: "I'd just love to go out in the street and shout to everybody: 'This is my sister!' I love you."

Ironically the only person with whom I was experiencing any difficulty was Moira. All my life I had imagined she would have thought of me on March 9 but she couldn't even remember the date. It hurt like hell. I reminded her and she said vaguely, "Oh yes, it was March".

Suddenly I began crying. I told her she owed it to me to explain. I deliberately painted a picture of a less than happy childhood. I was shocked to find myself playing so cruelly on her guilt but I couldn't seem to help it. She remained outwardly unmoved.

"Well, you can't help *liking* her," I overheard her saying one night to Dan. So, she didn't love me, perhaps she didn't even want me here, perhaps she'd only told Dan about me because she feared I'd turn up on her doorstep anyway. I began to plan a moonlight flit to Belfast Airport.

Each night she'd come into my room to kiss me goodnight. On night she said: "I don't suppose you could ever love me the way the others do." I said "We'll see," but I wish now I'd told the truth and said: "More".

Then she heard that her other children were coming home and that they were delighted that they had an older sister.

Suddenly she changed. She had desperately wanted to keep me, she said, but she knew she couldn't give me any kind of life and had been persuaded that my chances would have been better if I were adopted.

In painful detail she recalled going into the home run by the adoption agency, of taking me out for daily walks, of nursing me for three months before the fateful day.

How wrong I was to think that she could have done it lightly. She felt guilty, though she had no reason and had lived with that guilt since she was 21.

Her husband later confided to me that he had often suspected something. "Up until about 12 years she would cry herself to sleep sometimes muttering: 'I want my baby.

When the family arrived it was a wonderfully emotional, boozy night. She had underestimated how important she was to them. That night was the first time she said to me: "I love you." She meant it, it was all too obvious again when she crumpled at the airport as I went to catch my flight.

Since then I have experienced every emotion it is possible to experience. For the first few days I felt in need of constant re-assurance. I don't any more. I have seldom been so certain of being loved or loving someone before in my life. She is due to come here shortly and I can't remember being as excited as anything since the age of about five on Christmas Eve.

● To trace your natural parents, approach the agency which handled your adoption.

If you don't know the name, a social worker will help you discover the name under which your birth was registered. You can then trace your original birth certificate through St Catherine's House, Kingsway, London WC2.

For further advice contact the National Organisation for the Counselling of Adoptees and Parents, 10 Piers Close, Warwick (0926 498535).

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Now the real upper crust

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

Short and sweet. The whole point of *pâte sablée* is that it should be as crisp as a biscuit and so decisively sweetened that it would be unthinkable to marry it with tuna or tomatoes.

It is a crust French pastry cooks use with finesse, rolled thinly for dainty lemon tarts iced primrose yellow with the sheen of glacé kid. A little thicker, or maybe not, it is *pâte sablée* that transports summer berries, redcurrants, strawberries, raspberries and blue-black mountain myrtles, from plate to palate.

The practical virtues of this rich sweet pastry are numerous. With a processor it can be made, rolled and baked without a pause, putting smart tarts on the dinner table after a day spent anywhere but in the kitchen. The dough can be stored for a week or more in the fridge, frozen raw or baked, and once cooked and ready to fill, the pastry keeps well for weeks in an airtight tin.

It is stick and patch pastry, which is just as well because although small pieces are not difficult to handle, it is almost impossible to lift a large piece without tearing it, even using a rolling pin to support it. Happily this does not matter. Press splits together and mend the holes with trimmings and if you are neat, the repairs will be tricky to spot.

If you are unsure how much pastry you will need, never hesitate to err on the side of making too much. The leftovers or trimmings, re-rolled into a cylinder, chilled and sliced thinly or thickly on to a baking sheet, make moreish biscuits to serve with creams or ices.

Larger circles of thin, crisp pastry, say 7 to 10 centimetres (three to four inches) across, show off matching or contrasting layers of fruit. Dust the tops with icing sugar and serve them with a fresh fruit purée, or thin cream, or a chilled vanilla custard sauce.

Small tart tins with flat loose bases and a diameter of about 10 centimetres (four inches) are ideal for making individual tarts to serve as puddings. Alternatively, a shallow 20 centimetre (eight inch) tin will give about six servings. The filling of these lemon tarts is as fresh and lemony as lemon curd.

Lemon tarts
Makes 6 small or 1 large

For the pastry
- 140g (5oz) plain flour
- 55g (2oz) icing sugar
- A pinch of salt
- 110g (4oz) butter
- 1 egg yolk
- A few drops of vanilla essence

For the filling
- Finely grated rind and juice of 2 lemons
- 3 large eggs
- 170g (60oz) castor sugar
- 150ml (¼ pint) double cream
- Icing sugar to dust

Sift the flour, icing sugar and salt into the processor bowl and add the butter cut in large dice. Process to the texture of fine breadcrumbs, stop, add the egg yolk mixed with a little vanilla essence. Process until the dough forms in a ball round the blade. Use the pastry at once or chill it before rolling.

The important point is to work the dough as little as possible. This is why the recipe does not specify chilled butter, as for shortcrust, which would involve more handling and produce a less friable result.

When making *pâte sablée* by hand the butter is softened to room temperature and worked with the fingertips until soft. Then the sugar and salt are worked into it, followed by the egg, and lastly the flour and essence. Made in this way the pastry will need to be chilled for several hours.

Roll out the dough thinly and use it to line six small tins measuring about 10 centimetres (four inches) across or one 20 centimetre (eight inch) tin. If the pastry is no more than three millimetres (1/8th inch) thick the tarts will be very light and melting.

Bake the shells blind in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 15 minutes. This dough does not bubble up much so there is no need to prick the bases or weight them with beans.

While the pastry is in the oven make the filling. Whisk all the ingredients, except the icing sugar, lightly together.

Take the cases from the oven and reduce the heat to cool (150°C/300°F, gas mark 2). Fill them with the lemon custard and return them to the oven for about 15 minutes or until the filling has set, but only just.

Allow the tarts to cool a little before removing them from their tins. They are at their best when still warm from the oven, sprinkled lightly with icing sugar just before serving.

Bitter Seville oranges, when they are in season at the beginning of the year for marmalade making can be used instead of lemons in this recipe. Limes work too but not as well as marmalade oranges, or lemons.

If you are still picking blackberries and they are juicy soft-centred berries, not hard-cored fruit, arrange perfect specimens in layers two or three stacks high between circles of crisply baked sweet pastry. These look dramatically elegant and taste good, too, sitting in a pool of deep purple blackberry purée. This will taste best if the berries for the purée are heated gently until they release their juices, then sieved and the sauce sharpened with lemon, blackcurrant or raspberry juice and sweetened to taste. A little raspberry eau de vie or kirsch is a nice addition.

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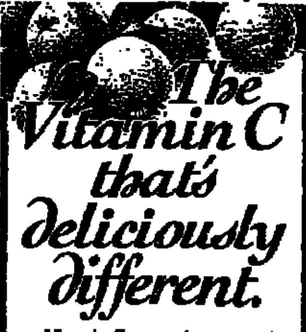
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Not standing – together

In a stand of solidarity with the government against the IRA, it seems possible that neither Labour nor the Liberals will contest the forthcoming by-election at Enfield, Southgate, whose Tory MP, Sir Anthony Berry, was killed in last week's Brighton bombing. At the general election Sir Anthony had 26,451 votes, the Liberal 10,652 and Labour 8,132. On Monday, the local Liberal association held a preliminary meeting at which support for the idea of not contesting the seat was expressed. The local Labour party, which has forthrightly condemned the IRA's action, meets tonight but will postpone debate on such a proposal. A Tory candidate has yet to be chosen. There is no precedent to guide local parties. The last MP killed by political assassins was Airey Neave, blown up by a bomb attached to his car by the Irish National Liberation Army in March, 1979. As a general election was held two months later, there was no by-election.

25 years on



This is how the Worthing-based *Christian Herald* envisages "King Charles III and Queen Diana" on accession to the throne. The paper reckons this will be the year 2009. No comment.

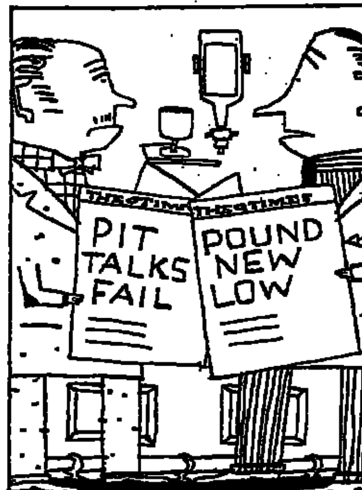
Working minors

The monarchs in *1066 And All That*, who never could guess the answer to the Irish Question, would sympathize. A five-month-old commission of inquiry, sponsored by a trust set up by sweet manufacturer Joseph Rowntree, is working furiously to finish its report on the Northern Irish constitution before the Thatcher-FitzGerald summit next month. Unfortunately, the group is so divided that it may produce a minority report alongside the main recommendations. I am told that former cabinet minister David Howell, *Economist* executive Simon Jenkins, Conservative academic Gillian Peel and historian A. T. Q. Stewart are fighting a desperate rearguard action to incorporate their qualms about constitutional tinkering into the main report – but they will not put up with a phoney consensus. Lord Kilbrandon, the commission's chairman, has been here before: his 1973 Royal Commission produced not one report but two, and no fewer than five schemes for devolution. Remember devolution?

Numbers up?

Fleet Street's bingo war may soon be over – killed by the National Union of Journalists. After seeking counsel's opinion, it believes the game may be illegal under the Lotteries Act. The union is to hold a meeting on the issue next Tuesday. The news will interest Bill Cox, a former secretary of the Amateur Boxing Association, whose family rang the *Mirror* several hundred times without success on Tuesday to claim a share in the £10,000 prize. "I'd like to face Mr Maxwell in the ring," said Cox.

BARRY FANTONI



'How old's your paper?'

Kind words

Paul McCartney says his family aren't *all* thick. "I've got a cousin who compiles crosswords for *The Times* and *Daily Telegraph* and sets some of the questions for *University Challenge*," he says in this week's *Time Out*, declining to name the mystery man. Yesterday we tracked him down: he's a 58-year-old former Merseyside insurance broker by the name of Bert. (No relation, he assures me, to his namesake in the musical *John, Paul, George, Ringo and Bert*). Bert, who dreams up about 15 crosswords a day, tells me he was very taken by his cousin Paul's remark on last week's *South Bank Show* – "Where there's a whim there's a way" "Mmm. Could be a clue there," he mused.

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Christopher Thomas looks through the files of a Caribbean fiasco

Grenada: dossier of a dictatorship

St George's, Grenada

As the trial of the Grenadan insurrectionists was due to begin yesterday, a team of American researchers were continuing to work their way through a mountain of paperwork which survived Maurice Bishop's 55-month Marxist dictatorship and the brief reign last October of the former colleagues who replaced him, only to be overthrown in turn by a task force of American marines.

The documents provide a vivid account of the birth, life and death of the only communist regime imposed in an English-language country. They portray a bedraggled, bickering group trying desperately to be accepted as a serious part of the Soviet bloc, with a deep commitment to international revolution. And whatever apologists for Bishop may claim, they contain no evidence that his brand of communism was any softer than that which the "hardliners" now on trial – chief among them Bernard Coard, the deputy prime minister – would have imposed on the island.

Those in Washington and elsewhere, who saw Grenada being groomed for an insurrectionary role will find supporting evidence in the treaties of cooperation with the Soviet Union and other East Bloc countries, North Korea, North Vietnam and, above all, Cuba.

Throughout Bishop's reign – until he was ousted and killed, with three of his colleagues on October 19, 1983 – Fidel Castro was his guide, mentor and unswerving supporter, even when this meant disagreement with Moscow over the pace of turning Grenada into a total communist state.

An agreement headed "top secret" of July 1980, soon after Bishop came to power, provided for the supply by Russia of 50 armoured personnel carriers, 100,500 standard rifle cartridges, 37,000 cartridges with armour-piercing incendiary bullets, 30 76mm guns and 30 anti-tank guns. The total value was put at 10 million roubles, but Grenada would get them free. Delivery was to be via Cuba.

In a letter to Marshal Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, in February 1982, Bishop asked for military training for 20 junior officers under an agreement signed in Cuba 15 months earlier.

Under other agreements, the Cuban communist party promised to send advisers to organize public meetings and party propaganda and also to help gather intelligence in the churches, although Grenada's churches are generally not politically active. In a recommendation, submitted on October 14, 1982, Cuba said contacts should be promoted among clergymen and members of the laity from Nicaragua and other Latin American circles linked to the theology of liberation "and, in general, to the idea of a church committed to revolutionary positions..."



November 6, 1983: Bernard Coard, alleged leader of the anti-Bishop coup, is flushed out by Caribbean troops in the invasion force

On October 15 last year, three days after Bishop was placed under house arrest, Castro wrote a letter of haughty indignation to his "esteemed comrades" in Grenada about the chaotic tide of events.

Denying that Bishop had sought his sympathy, Castro said: "The supposed notion that on passing through our country Bishop had informed me of the problems inside the party is a miserable piece of slander... we are indignant at the very thought that some of you would have considered us capable of meddling in any way in the internal questions of your party. We are people of principle, not vulgar schemers or adventurers.

"Everything which happened was for us a surprise and disagreeable. In our country the Grenada revolution and Comrade Bishop as its central figure were the objects of great sympathies and respect. Even explaining the event to our people will not be easy".

The documents contain evidence that torture was practised by Bishop's regime. Russell Budhall, a detainee, wrote a complaint to the authorities through his lawyer, dated September 30, 1980: "While they was burning me the others was punching me and some was hitting me with a gun butt. Then I receive kick and the feller that kick me name Bread. I don't know he right name... they take off my underpants and what they had burning me with was pushed up through my bottom..."

Such grisly facts of dictatorship in practice seem out of character with Bishop's background. Born to a prosperous family of hoteliers in the Netherlands Antilles in 1944, he studied in London from the age of 19 and became a barrister. Like Castro, he made speeches of extraordinary length. The "Line of March" speech, delivered to a closed audience of his New Jewel Movement on September 13, 1982, is crucial to understanding his politics.

"To build socialism requires central planning of the economy and society as a whole," he said. "It requires a serious Marxist-Leninist vanguard party leading, guiding and directing the whole process."

At one point he brags about the party's dictatorial powers: "You get detained when I sign an order after discussing it with the national security committee... Once I sign it – like it or don't like it – it's the hill for them" (Presumably a reference to Richmond Hill prison in St George's.)

The full extent of his ambition is contained in one telling passage: "...one thing we do have is political control (and we have that firmly) so we can decide on how much taxes to charge, we can decide who gets credits, we can decide who gets concessions and pioneer incentives, we can decide what kinds of laws to pass and when, we decide who to 'manners' and when..."

Michael Yardley

A strategy to beat the bombers

Along with the grief and anger over the Brighton bomb, a degree of hysteria has shown itself, particularly over the IRA's probable use of a "long-delay" time device.

Commander William Hucklesby's comment that such a device was a "new" development was unfortunate. Devices of this kind have been turning up in Belfast arms caches since the mid-1970s and have already been effectively used by the IRA.

The difference today is that they are smaller and more reliable. Electronics journalist Ian Pitt notes: "All that is now required is a small printed circuit board and a not bulky power supply." A very similar electronic circuit forms a core part of most video tape recorders. The advantage that timed bombs have over the potentially no less deadly radio-controlled ones is concealability and simplicity.

A radio-controlled bomb requires an aerial of some kind, usually a piece of wire. Obviously, a self-contained electronically timed bomb was more suited to the IRA's grim plans at Brighton. A radio-controlled bomb could have been accidentally triggered by the transceiving equipment of police and security men; a timed bomb is logistically far simpler than a radio-controlled one; it is less flexible – unsuited, for example, to vehicle ambushes – but it does not require someone with a transmitter to detonate it. Neither type of bomb would be easily detectable from the background radiation which its electronic circuits might emit, though a timer with only a small power source would be even more difficult to pinpoint than a receiver with an inevitably larger battery pack.

Why did sniffer dogs fail to discover the bomb? Dogs, like human beings, are not infallible. Dogs trained to search out explosives, and machines which fulfil a similar function, rely on the carelessness of bomb makers. Minute particles of explosive substance are usually left on the packaging of bombs. If the bomb is assembled with surgical hygiene and then placed in a sealed container, and concealed within the permanent structure of a building, the chances of detecting it are minimal, especially as the completed bomb was probably no bigger than a small brief case and is unlikely to have contained more than the smallest amount of metal.

To have subjected the Grand Hotel to a totally thorough search by metal detector or x-ray would not have been possible. All rooms have metal in their walls; every plastered over hot-water pipe could potentially have been a bomb. Rather, security officers would have looked for the unusual. It is no indictment of them that they found nothing.

Edward Heath has suggested that arrangements similar to those at airports should be introduced at events such as party conferences. However, the system operating in most airports will not deter the professional terrorist, though it may reassure the uninformed traveller. Total security is not achievable. The current regime in Poland for example, is extremely repressive, yet Solidarity's underground still exists, and although of course it is not a terrorist organization, it retains the potential to become one because of its structure. One can find dozens of other examples of secret or underground organizations that have survived despite the police state in which they operated. The most any security system can hope to do is to cut down the number of incidents. Total security is simply not possible. It is even less desirable.

In what direction might the proposed Whitehall Cabinet Security Committee look? Evidently, the protection surrounding individual politicians and other people potentially at risk should be made as effective as possible. One of the great problems here is that it is difficult for security staff, especially those permanently assigned to a specific subject, to maintain a constant vigilance. To a certain extent bodyguards, like army bases, rely on intelligence reports to decide on the level of protection necessary at a given time. This principle may no longer be viable, particularly as the intelligence services are not infallible but suffer from a degree of inter-departmental rivalry.

The comittee should nevertheless make every effort to encourage a full exchange of information between intelligence agencies themselves and the police. A great part of the problem appears to lie in communication. The Royal Ulster Constabulary are known to be angry that Scotland Yard did not take full notice of its warnings or operational experience. The committee may decide on a far greater exchange of personnel of all ranks between those agencies involved in fighting terrorism. It may also decide that there is a need for a purpose-built highly secure conference centre, with accommodation attac ed, and a suitably screened staff. It may suggest that a delegation be sent to the US to study the methods used by the secret service in protecting the president. In the final analysis it must encourage a flexible approach to security, possible by new appointments, that can cope with an enemy which will take advantage of any perceived weakness or rigidity. The basic problem of all security planning is not the technical but the human factor.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

In extremis – and in character

I have always maintained that those of an idealistic tendency who argue that a crisis, emergency or disaster always brings out the best in people and those, more cynical, who insist that it brings out the worst, are both wrong; extremely unusual happenings, as far as my observation goes, tend to bring out only the *most*. That is, everyone behaves in character (though sometimes in a character not normally visible), but in the most extreme form of it.

Take the Prime Minister's conduct in Brighton. Anyone who has even the slightest understanding of her would have been able to predict, with the utmost exactitude, what would be the first thing she would do after escaping death from a bomb by two minutes and/or three feet; she would make sure that her hair was tidy. Where she is concerned, the cliché "not a hair out of place" sheds its banality and comes to life; it is even possible to analyse in detail the instinct that led her to make sure that her coiffure was flawless before leaving a building which, for all she knew was about to collapse on her, coiffure and all.

To start with, as indeed is demonstrated by the very first words she spoke in public after the explosion ("Business as usual"), Mrs Thatcher's whole personality is suffused with her belief that *events* are inferior to *people*; she tidied her hair before emerging because she would have tidied her hair before emerging in normal circumstances, and to omit the automatic adjustment, merely because she had just narrowly survived an attempt to murder her, would have been to allow herself to be dominated by something impersonal and outside her own will.

In the second place, her professionalism, which is more complete and more deeply grounded than in any other public figure of the day (perhaps of any day), told her that the public would expect her to show visual as well as verbal defiance, that to accede to that expectation would be the best way to serve her cause, and that an instinctive and symbolic but very visible sign of her acknowledgement of those truths would be the gesture of smoothing her hair. I swear that if the ceiling of the room had fallen on her, covering her in plaster, she would have changed her clothes before emerging as well.

In the third place, she is an extremely feminine woman; you do not need to know much about women in general, let alone this particular one, to know the role that clean and tidy hair plays in that sex as a strengthening of femininity, a raiser of morale and an assurance that all is well within.

From the moment she arrived at the police station, of course, the conscious mind took over, and from then on – in her statement, her demeanour and her speech – she was fully in command of herself. But in the first few minutes after the bang, her character expressed itself without the aid of her intention, and she *was* what she *is*.

Exactly the same, in his different way, can be said of her consort. Mr Thatcher's first public words were: "There was a tremendous thump, and the bathroom looked as though it had been through the wringer". Nobody, asked in the course of an after-dinner game to guess what Mr Thatcher would say if someone attempted to blow up the entire Conservative Party, starting with its leader, would choose those words, because they would think them too extravagantly appropriate, too implausibly in keeping. But that is the point; the frightfulness of what had happened, and the much greater frightfulness of what might have happened, brought out the essence of what may be termed the Denisness of Denis. If he had had time to think, he would have made some fittingly grave comment, of the kind that anybody might have made; since he had not had time to think, his *semper idem* asserted itself, and he came out with a remark far more splendidly characteristic of himself, and incidentally far more helpful all round in the calming nature of its demotic *simplicity*.

The same is true of Mr Norman Tebbit. As soon as he began to recover, in hospital, his visitors began to report that he was making a string of jokes, and I dare say he was; but by then he was in a position to *think* of the jokes. When he was lying under the rubble, hardly knowing whether he was alive or dead, the jokes his character made, as opposed to those made later by his mind, were first, as the rescuers approached, "You're standing on my bloody foot, Fred", and second, as a doctor with a life-saving hypodermic asked him whether he was allergic to anything, "Yes, bombs".

There was also Sir Keith Joseph, whose contribution was to sleep right through the bomb and its sequel, then, when awoken and informed that there had been an untoward incident, to don an elegant silk dressing-gown (from Sulka, by the look of it), and to remember (the only minister who did, apparently) to take his dispatch-box with him; the combination of unworldliness, meticulousness and adherence to rules was exactly what would have been expected of him, just as Lord Gowrie's first action on emerging from the hotel into a crowd of shell-shocked refugees was typical of *him*; he ran down to the beach and brought up three dozen deck-chairs for them to sit on. And far away from Brighton, Mr Dafydd Thomas, the Welsh Nationalist MP, sank to the occasion; the man who spoke at a meeting to commemorate Bobby Sands was asked to comment on the Brighton bomb, and replied that the Provisionals should stop doing such things. And why? Because they only strengthened the hands of those opposed to a solution to the problem *of Northern Ireland*.

Catastrophe, then, does not alter people; but it makes the highlights and darknesses of their nature more pronounced. You cannot, I think, read Walter Lord's *A Night to Remember*, about the sinking of the Titanic (Mr Tam Dalyell probably blames Mrs Thatcher for that, too), without sensing this truth.

On that tragic occasion, the cool and the brave behaved more coolly and more bravely than ever before, the weak and cowardly more like weaklings and poltroons. Lightoller, the second officer, who saved many lives and would have saved more if the incompetence of others had not prevented him, plainly had no idea of the resources of bravery and selflessness in him; but he displayed both in exceptionally great measure, which – to put it with positively excessive moderation – Sir Cosmo Duff Gordon did not. But I do not suppose Sir Cosmo, either, knew his own full character until it was tested under such extreme conditions.

War, obviously, is the hottest crucible of all; there are countless well-authenticated stories of timid, colourless men suddenly becoming heroes in battle; I am convinced that the heroism was already inside them, even though they might otherwise have lived and died in bed without anyone – particularly themselves – ever suspecting of what they were capable. But this truth is by no means confined to questions of courage and cowardice; it is character I am speaking of, and it is that, the stamp which we all bear in a shape different, however slightly from all others, that is forced, like seedlings in a greenhouse, when something tremendous and terrible takes place.

It is tempting to spend an idle minute in speculation on what might have happened if someone had attempted to blow up the Labour Party. I would back Mr Kinnock to come out smiling, and Mr Kaufman to do Lord Gowrie's sensible deck-chair act; Mr Healey, beneath the rubble, would be heard calling for a large gin-and-tonic in place of an anaesthetic. Mr Hattersley would be calculating the effect of the catastrophe on his chances of his becoming leader of the party, and Mr Benn, who would in any case have contrived to be somewhere else when it happened, would be issuing a press statement claiming that the *Special Branch* was responsible for the outrage.

During the Spanish Civil War, there was a hotel in Madrid, while the city was under siege from the Franco forces, in which the foreign correspondents were staying. At one point, Franco's artillery began to shell the city; the pressmen gathered in a room to discuss whether they should pull out of Madrid, and Hemingway, already the *doyen* of the corps, read them a lecture. With a relief map of the city and its surroundings on a table before him, he explained, logically and lucidly, that since the Franco troops were *here*, the hotel *there*, and the configuration of the landscape *like this*, the trajectory of the guns could only be *thus*, which meant that it was quite impossible for a shell to land anywhere near where they were. His exposition convinced and relieved his comrades, but just as he finished it, one of Franco's shells scored a direct hit on the hotel and the ceiling of the room they were in descended upon them. Amid the dust and smoke and cursing, Hemingway was heard to say coolly: "Well, gentlemen, how do you like it now?"

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Tough talk, not soothing talc

It is increasingly difficult to ignore the fact that large sections of the population smell.

I first noticed it some five years ago, in the Midlands, at a performance of *Iolanthe* by the late D'Oyly Carte company I was in a box. Everything was fine during Act I except for the din of chubby wrists wrestling to escape the confines of Quality Street boxes and the ensuing slurping when their cargo eventually reached port.

By Act II the temperature had begun to rise and as Private Willis started his sentry duty, one could ignore it no longer. Elevated by the rising heat was a thin mist of talcum powder floating just above the heads of the stalls and a suffocating smell of the same, a combination of rotting flowers, bathroom cleaner and custard powder. Private Willis could be seen clearly only from the waist up and, far from marching, appeared to float along in an unsuitably ethereal and unmilitary manner. One was scarcely surprised when he did become a fairy in the finale and went up and away.

It is the talcum powder that does it, not cheap scent or deodorants. I have looked into it. And the reason there is so much of it about has to do with the new bath culture that is attracting all ages in alarming proportions. Last week this newspaper prominently reported the Schools Health Education Council survey of 2,870 secondary school pupils. What had they done the previous evening? Half had done no homework: they had had a bath.

Ninety per cent of the girls had had two, three, four, five, six, seven or more baths the previous week, as did 80 per cent of the boys – 14-year-old boys! There is a more serious side to this than the stench of post-bath talc. The proponents of obsessive bath culture think it is healthy. They are like that older generation which identifies food hygiene with frequently polished kitchen taps, ladies who are forever wiping their plastified working surfaces with damp cloths while their de- and re-frozen raw food sits alongside cooked food that should have been discarded a week ago, both destined to be inadequately heated. The cloth of course is full of germs which the wiping spreads; the germs particularly enjoy their favourite damp but warm climate. So with the bath and talc brigade. While the tubbing and talcing gets ever more furious so, less noticed, the juvenile gonorrhoea rate rises.

This obsession with appearance, the substitution of shiny taps for hygiene, afflicts those who currently ask if Mrs Thatcher's Britain is a sufficiently compassionate society. The credentials for joining that debate are not a carefully thought out comment or a closely formulated policy but a competitively flamboyant, vague and shallow care-speak. What grieves the Bishop of Durham, perhaps more than whether the Government's policies actually best care for the majority of the population, is whether it seems to care that it does not seem to care. Not enough talc.

Rarely have the overworked Three Cs – care, compassion and community – been used so sloppily. Why, if churchmen want to talk sociology instead of theology, do they not study it first? Communities are not always nice things to be preserved, even when, often when, they are "closely-knit". The vain repetition of the words "care" or "compassion" has no magical effect. It does not create compassion.

Why don't they talk theology? The Christian tradition, as opposed to its popular rendering, has a sophisticated and robust understanding of love, hammered out in two thousand years of thought, talk and action. It is desperately needed, the real thing, not some ersatz version sentimentalized for the media. It would be understood. Parents know their children require not frothy endearments but tough, enduring and sometimes painful love. The dichotomy fashionably erected between efficiency-realism and compassion crumbles when we follow Pascal's first moral precept and think clearly and toughly about what compassion involves.

This sort of compassion, the genuine thing, is complex, sometimes apparently paradoxical and, like genuine health, an interior quality initially hidden and elusive. It is not easily explained in press interviews and public letters. They risk trivializing it, replacing it with shallow and misleading symptoms such as spending on public services or anecdotal measurements of invective. The unreliable symptoms are so obviously borrowed and bear clear ideological stamps. The message ceases to be about the eternal doctrine of Christian love and becomes a weak reiteration, to paraphrase Temple, of ephemeral political slogans, the very care-speak that a sophisticated Christian understanding of compassion should be replacing.

To be sure there are arguments for speaking out, arguments for not keeping the truths of Christianity in the sanctuary. But it is not so much a question of speaking or not speaking, more of what sort of thing is said. People, at least some people, can take more than secularisms or vague and minutely balanced kindly observations. They should be given the real thing. As it is, after all the effort and anguish of debate, what hangs in the air, on *both* sides, is a smell not of cordite but talc.

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The cost of Scargill: Lawson's missing millions

Mr Lawson told the House of Commons on July 31 that the additional Exchequer cost being incurred because of the miners' strike represented "even in narrow financial terms... a worthwhile investment for the nation". He based this claim on the assumption that the strike had, until the end of July, cost £400m, or £20m a week. But this figure looked extremely low – much lower than any of the independent estimates of the cost – and Treasury and CEGB press officers have since raised further suspicions by refusing to substantiate this figure in any detail. It is therefore noteworthy that the October *Economic Progress Report* to be published by the Treasury today is rumoured to include estimates of the cost of the strike – or, at least it did before it was submitted to ministers for approval. It will be interesting to see how much detail filters through the ministerial sieve.

Pending today's Treasury figures, it is difficult to see how so much confusion has been spread about so relatively straightforward a matter as the strike's running costs. Since Simon and Coates' original £60m a week estimate of the costs was published in early June, considerable new official information has appeared, but this has not seriously disturbed our calculations. Furthermore, several other City estimates have since been published, all in the same area as our £60m per week calculation of the eventual gross cost. Of all the estimates so far, only the Treasury's is substantially lower than this figure. Why? One reason seems to be that the Chancellor's £20m figure related only to the cash costs which had been incurred by the Exchequer up to the end of July. Bills which were assuredly in the post as Mr Lawson spoke were ignored, but they will catch up with him sooner rather than later.

The gross accounting cost of roughly £60m per week is made up as follows. First, the NCB has on average been losing 1.5 million tonnes of coal output a week. Allowing for the fact that some of this would have gone to stock, rather than sold to final customers, especially in the initial stages of the strike, accountants would probably value this lost production at about £55m to £60m a week. On the other hand, the Board is saving about £30m a week in labour and other running costs. So the net weekly cost to the coal industry is about £25 to £30m.

The second main element of the accounting cost is being incurred by the electricity industry, which is substituting relatively expensive oil for relatively cheap coal to the maximum possible extent in its generating capacity. The latest official figures for the month of July show that an extra 400,000 tonnes of fuel oil were used per week by the power stations, displacing some 700,000 tonnes of coal compared with normal procedures. The net cost of this transfer, allowing in full for the coal savings, comes to about £22m a week.

Other elements of the gross weekly cost are smaller than those incurred by the NCB and CEGB. The British Steel Corporation reckons it is losing £4m a week, while lost tax revenue and social security payments for the striking miners amounts to at least £6m a week. Finally, policing costs (net of income tax) are probably running at a minimum of £3m a week.

All this produces a gross total at least three times higher than the Treasury estimate of £20m, and it is important to note that the main elements have been confirmed by the industries themselves. One reason for the large discrepancy is immediately clear, since the Treasury figures probably relate to cash costs incurred so far, they count the money saved by the electricity industry in running down its coal stocks during the strike as a major offset to the gross costs incurred. CEGB coal stocks now stand at about 15 million tonnes, roughly half the level they probably would have reached in the absence of the strike. The failure to buy this coal for stock has temporarily saved the CEGB about £650m in cash, or about £21m a week during the strike, and this explains about half of the £40m difference between our estimate and the Treasury's. The remainder is so far unexplained, but it seems possible that the Treasury is failing to make allowance for the NCB losses which have not so far resulted in a claim on the Treasury itself.

When the strike ends, coal stocks will be at least partially rebuilt, and the NCB losses will be picked up by the Treasury. The eventual cash cost will then climb towards the full £60m a week of elapsed strike time (or £1.8bn so far). A combination of raids on the contingency reserve and higher electricity prices will probably prevent this from flowing through to the PSBR. But someone, somewhere will pay – whether it is the electricity consumer, or the unemployed who could otherwise have benefited from a jobs package funded by the contingency reserve. These groups may wish to question Mr Lawson's view that this strike is an excellent investment for the nation.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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WANTED: A NEW PLAN FOR COAL

The collapse of the pit talks convened at Acas at the behest of the pit deputies marks – and should be seen to mark – the end of the peace process that has been pursued through a fitful series of negotiations since May. It is now clear that the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers will not accept any formula that is likely to reduce taxpayers' annual £1 billion subsidies to the coal industry or to convert it from that outpost of Eastern block output norms revealed by the Monopolies Commission to an organization run on a humane long-term commercial basis. That is to say, the NUM leadership will accept neither the policy which Mr Ian MacGregor was appointed to pursue, nor his method of implementing it. And that should now be as clear to the pit deputies, who may now have to decide individually whether to intensify the dispute on the NUM's behalf, as it is to anyone else.

The pit deputies made a genuine attempt to bring the strike to an end and, although the final formula would have fallen far short of giving the taxpayer a fair deal, it is a great pity that it failed. The consequent fall in the pound, with its knock-on effects on the whole economy, is a powerful reminder of the cost of the strike to the miners, the long-term prospects of the coal, the public purse and to the peace and cohesion of society. Yet that failure is also, in another sense, a relief.

The National Coal Board's original proposals in March were generous and far too open ended in combining commitments to no compulsory redundancy, hefty redundancy benefits and ministerial undertakings to plough £3 billion of investment into NCB operations over four years, regardless of any agreement by the miners to cooperate. Progressive concessions made during negotiations would effectively have withdrawn existing announced pit closures, withdrawn the compendium plan to close four million tonnes of hopelessly uneconomic capacity and forced any proposed pit closure to go through a procedure made even longer, more cumbersome and less certain at enormous extra cost to the taxpayer.

Meanwhile, the economics have moved sharply in the opposite direction, leaving the final NCB offer, underwritten entirely by taxpayers' money, and financially unrealistic. Quite apart from the running costs of the dispute, the budgetary cost in 1985-86 and subsequent years would have to meet the cost of rebuilding coal stocks at the power stations. It would face the costs of slowing the closure programme when the deterioration of many coalfaces would dictate an acceleration. The need for repairs and maintenance will have pushed many more pits into the hopelessly uneconomic category. The reminder that supplies of coal are unreliable has already cut the potential demand for coal from new customers. And if investment in new low-cost pits is to be maintained, ministers must decide whether to plough yet more taxpayers' money into rehabilitating marginal pits that cannot be justified on normal investment tests.

The time has now come for Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, to withdraw the unconditional commitments on which Mr MacGregor's final terms were based. The generosity of the deal offered to the miners has failed in its questionable purpose. If any new negotiations are to start, they must start with a clean sheet, with the NCB offering terms that reflect the realities of October 1984, not those of March. Certainly there should be no refusal to negotiate or to compromise, but any negotiation must start from the new, inevitably harsher, realities brought by seven months of strike.

It is more than ever likely, however, that the strike will now end through the decisions of individual miners to return to work, rather than a national settlement. Spelling out the new realities should give miners an even greater incentive to end the stoppage, even though that incentive will now be more negative, more of a stick than a carrot. As Mr MacGregor has hinted, there should now be a time limit – a month would suffice – on a majority return to work if the voluntary principle on redundancy is to be kept or any extra investment funds provided to rehabilitate damaged pits. Economic realities should not, however, be a cloak for punishing miners. Indeed, more emphasis, and more financial flesh, should be put on plans to regenerate communities that face the loss of a pit.

The collapse of the Acas talks also removes any excuse for the Energy Department to delay a thorough review of the state monopoly of the industry, whose failure has been exposed so clearly by the strike, with a view to legislation to restructure the industry. Any such review must start with the Government formally abandoning the Plan for Coal – and it would be helpful if this were made clear at the outset. Theological discussion over the minutiae of the plan have veiled its essential bankruptcy.

Since the plan's inception in 1974, the NCB has consistently failed to achieve its productivity targets, except, ironically, just before last year's overtime ban. The envisaged changeover from old high-cost capacity to new low-cost pits has not been achieved because of the snail's pace of closures. And in any case, demand for energy in 1985 will be 100 million tonnes of coal equivalent less than forecast – a warning against all such plans.

Separating the NCB's role as a commercial business from its role as regulator of the industry and owner of mining rights and ending the state monopoly of production, offer the best hope of improving the efficiency of the industry, cutting public subsidies and ensuring better security of supply to enable the coal industry to exploit that exciting potential of which ministers and both sides of the industry have spoken so glowingly.

Setting up a separate National Coal Trust to own mining rights and franchise mines could provide a framework for restructuring the industry, for putting the responsibility for social costs with the community, where it belongs and perhaps for the mothballing of presently loss-making pits that might have some long-term strategic worth. The monolithic structure of production should also be changed by privatizing the NCB's opencast operations, which made £200 million profit last year and by putting viable mining areas into separate, preferably worker ownership. Such moves could take 40 per cent of coal output outside the state sector. There need be no hasty decisions. But it should be made clear that clinging to existing forms for the supposed sake of industrial harmony is no longer an option.

PARISH PUMPS IN DECAY

A Labour-run London borough has just appointed as its chief official in charge of social services a councillor who is chairman of social services in a neighbouring borough, also Labour. In another urban authority a municipal trade union enjoys power of veto in the selection of Labour's council candidates (who usually win seats). In a proud provincial city applicants for the chief executive's job are to be quizzed on their familiarity and sympathy with Labour's election manifesto.

These are examples of a degenerating civic culture. In each, public and party interest come perilously close to merging; disinterested administration is made impossible; councillors play favourites with the general revenue. In none of these is the law broken. Of course there is nothing new about sectional interests threatening good local government. What the rise of the New Left has done is expose a set of laws and conventions based on polite, part-time, limited municipal service. Increasingly, in urban Britain, they are inadequate.

Last week in Brighton Mr Jenkin spoke vaguely of a judge-led inquiry to make practical recommendations. Doubtless there are changes needed to those general revenue-raising sections 137 and 142 of the 1972 Local Government Act. But Mr Jenkin needs no judge to tell him that Camden's Labour councillors can appoint their ideological soul-mates as their officers because they are not accountable: because only a fraction of those who vote pay the municipal bills; because Camden's largesse comes from the Prudential Assurance Company and its other commercial rate-payers. The collective memory of the Department of the Environment can supply him with reams of reports and analyses from Sir Frank Layfield's herculean effort in the mid-1970s through to the recent Audit Commission study of the grants system: they will instruct him on the need for a local tax to run alongside the rates, and amplify the argument that locally-elected councillors are, when all is said and done, best placed to handle local problems. In short: if, once the people of Camden are paying for the foibles of their governors, they still choose to elect them, that, warts and all, is democracy.

If ministers do not believe that proposition then the inquiry into council finance now under way (the second rabbit Mr Jenkin pulled out during the debate on rates at Brighton last week) is pointless. The government might as well begin at once to assemble the administrative machinery it would eventually need to replace elected councils. As it is, the inquiry looks rather like a convenient way to let ministers scratch their heads, to allow them – as on Monday this week – to soothe the protesting Conservative councillors from the shires with promises of detailed and technical study of grant formula. Yet it might have some value if, for the umpteenth time, it reminds ministers, public and councillors alike of some uncomfortable propositions.

Any system which relies on central government's sharing out money in parcels according to "need" is bound to be complicated, bound to pit town against country, borough against borough. Any scheme that attempts to reduce the impost on business without substantial cuts in outlays must mean heavier taxation – direct or indirect – on individuals and families. Any plan for genuine local autonomy means cutting councils free from the apron strings of government departments demanding they carry out this or that welfare function. Local government should mean less central compulsion, less administrative tidiness, less government all round.

Roots of violence

From Professor M. Hammerton

Sir, In their discussions of violence in society, both Dr Runcie and his critics seem to share a tacit assumption which, if false, could have lead them to misconceive the problem. They appear to suppose that the normal state of society is one approximating concord, and that any outbreak of violence is a deviation from this norm for which specific explanations must be sought. I submit that a totally opposite view is at least consonant with the evidence.

Suppose instead that human beings – especially, perhaps, young males – may be expected to go on the rampage spontaneously from time to time, unless there is a very effective network of restraints and controls to prevent them.

In this country we enjoyed such a network for over a century, so that we came to regard its effects as part of the order of things. What has happened, according to this alternative view, is that the net has begun to disintegrate: and the problem is not to remove the "causes" of violence, but to restore checks upon it.

I do not think that there is sufficient evidence to decide between these approaches: but it were prudent to bear both in mind.

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Slaughter on the wing

From Mr J. G. Parker

Sir, Unfortunately Dr D. F. Owen (October 8) misses the crux of the case against the Greeks' barbaric shooting habits and so weakens it; the fundamental objection is not that they shoot migatory birds but that they do so in the spring breeding season, thereby killing the geese that lay the golden eggs.

Shooting nightingales, orioles, wrynecks, hoopoes etc in autumn offends our ideas but is unlikely to reduce any but larger and less prolific species.

His concern about shooting of snipe, woodcock and widgeon in Britain is unnecessary. These common migrants breed across northern Eurasia from Britain to the Pacific; their habits render it improbable that legal shooting could, let alone does, have any discernable effect on the next spring's breeding populations.

On the other hand, current proposals to drain Otmoor and the Somerset Levels would have a more serious and permanent effect on our snip population than all British shooters combined since the invention of the breechloader.

Birds can survive in undiminished breeding numbers a reasonable level of human predation, but not destruction of habitat.

To hope that the Greeks would stop all shooting of migatory birds is baying for the moon – to expect them, and other nations, to enforce an adequate close season is reasonable.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police action in South Yorkshire

From the Leader of the South Yorkshire County Council

Sir, The Home Secretary has used the platform of the Tory Party conference to repeat the slur that "left wing police authorities undermine police operations" (report, October 10). South Yorkshire is the authority quoted as his example.

May I categorically deny that South Yorkshire has ever had any intention of hampering the proper operations of the police. Our record over ten years shows that we have provided resources on a generous scale to ensure that our local police force is fully equipped and has access to all the advantages of modern technology.

The examination we have given during the current year to items of police expenditure has been occasioned by a desire to ensure that the Chief Constable's approved budget is spent in the most efficient manner. More seriously, however, the County Council has had to instruct the police committee to finance (from within its own approved budget) the extra expenditure resulting from the miners' strike which is not met by central government.

To do this it has been necessary to consider numerous reductions, including the disbandment of the horse and dog units. The final decision on this matter was postponed pending the promised announcement by the Home Secretary on additional finance from central government.

But in any case there was never any suggestion that the Chief Constable should be denied the use of horses which he can requisition from other forces (incidentally, is it widely known that only 18 of the 43 police forces in England and Wales have horses?). Perhaps the Home Secretary can explain why the 25 forces without horses have not been attacked by him as he has chosen to attack South Yorkshire.

The whole problem has been caused by the Government's refusal to finance the total cost of the dispute. Indeed, until his announcement this week the liability of the local authority has been entirely open-ended. If 100 per cent central financing had been available from the beginning of this financial year the question of reductions in the police committee budget would never have arisen at all.

Even now the new announcement – delayed for political reasons until after the party conference – will leave the police committee with over £2m to find from its overall budget of £60m.

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Church and state

From the Reverend Dr John Rodwell

Sir, I cannot remember anyone stepping delicately through champagne glasses during my own time at Cuddesdon (Reverend A. V. Benjamin, October 11), but I do remember the good samaritan.

It seems to me that innkeepers have to be trustworthy too. Some of us are beginning to feel a little wary of the care provided by this Government's hostelry, no matter how much is paid or promised.

If the religious establishment wishes to cross the road to show its compassion (no easier now that when the story was first told), it helps to know that there are reliable partners with whom the work can be shared.

Yours faithfully,
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Brontë photograph

From Mr R. M. Golen

Sir, Further to the alleged photograph of Charlotte Brontë (report, October 11), there is reference to at least one known photograph of Charlotte in Whiteley Turner's *A Springtime Saunter Round and About Bronteland* (1913).

Interviewing one of Charlotte's former Sunday school pupils, Turner says on p. 200:

> Apologetically we remark upon a photo of Charlotte's on the mantlepiece. Mrs T— does not consider the picture a good likeness of her teacher. She always wore her hair as the photo depicts, parted in the middle and combed straight down over her ears.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. GOLEN,
38 Lees Bank Road,
Haworth,
West Yorkshire.
October 12.

Youth service

From the Chairman of the British Youth Council

Sir, The British Youth Council, as a major voice for young people in Britain, believes strongly in youth involvement in the community. So we welcomed your series of articles on further ideas for community involvement last week (October 1-3).

However, in expanding and prompting this involvement, we advocate certain basic principles – not all of which were evident in the articles.

There should first be a recognition of the good work already done in a wide range of voluntary groups involving young people in their community.

BYC plays its part largely through the promotion of local youth councils, allowing young people to take action together to improve their community and their situation within it. We believe the key to this good work must be locally-based agencies with young people in them identifying and meeting local needs. The last thing we need is more Whitehall bureaucracies telling local communities what they want.

Secondly, those involved young people *must* be treated as adults. That means choice, status and income. They choose whether to do the work. Then they decide the type, organisation and planning of that work. As your MORI poll showed, young people would prefer to start work or remain in education. And this must be part of the choice offered. Above all, community involvement shouldn't rate second best because nothing else is available.

But community involvement should have status too. Young people shouldn't be servants for the community. They must be fully involved and participating members of that community. Nor, of course, should youth be used to make up for health, education and social services cuts, as some of the comments quoted last week seemed to imply.

A good income is crucial if young people are to do longer-term community action work. But because youth are taking part in other training, education and employment shouldn't prevent them being involved in the community too. And BYC would like to see much more community *involvement* offered these young people.

In short, we want, *more* opportunities for good involvement by young people which would build on the many good programmes run by existing agencies. Though it is a pity that community involvement seemed to be treated as a second-rate option for young people by some of those commentators quoted in your columns last week.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM RYAN, Chairman,
British Youth Council,
57 Chalton Street, NW1.
October 11.

Lessons of the Brighton outrage

From Mr R. N. T-W-Fiennes

Sir, Now that the IRA have attempted to blow up the Prime Minister and her Cabinet, perhaps common sense and reason may be allowed to prevail?

Events in Northern Ireland cannot be controlled unless there is an identity card system enabling the police authorities there to check who is living in different areas, whether Catholic or Protestant.

Some years ago, my wife attended a meeting of Conservative women in Devon addressed by Mr Douglas Hurd. In answer to a question she posed, Mr Hurd replied that such cards would be against the British tradition and an infringement of the liberty of the subject. However, he put the matter to the vote, and there was a unanimous resolution in favour of identity cards, apart from those on the platform. Mr Hurd remarked "How extraordinary!".

Identity cards should contain a photograph and a thumb print. During the Mau Mau troubles in Kenya, when my wife and I were living there, cards were introduced for black and white citizens alike on these lines. There was the usual outcry from a vociferous minority of whites, but the overwhelming majority welcomed their introduction.

All the EEC countries, Britain apart, have identity cards, without which it is impossible to keep checks on a country's citizens, missing persons, illegal immigrants, criminals and saboteurs. We had identity cards in the war. Why not now?

Terrorism will never be controlled unless everybody can produce a document of identification. It should by illegal to give employment to any person without a card or a work permit. Social security payments should be refused to anybody unable to produce a card.

In such circumstances, can it be doubted that unemployment figures would decline significantly?

Yours, etc,
RICHARD FIENNES,
7 Voltaire,
21 Ennerdale Road,
Kew Gardens,
Richmond,
Surrey.
October 14.

From Mr Gerald Frost

Sir, Your sensible and lucid leader "Back to first principles" (October 12) draws attention to the publication by this Institute of *Britain's Undefended Frontier: a Policy for Ulster*, the report of an independent study group chaired by Sir Patrick Macrory.

In the light of the appalling and tragic events at Brighton, one of the group's proposals – that favouring the creation of a joint UK-Irish security commission with the task of coordinating the campaign against terrorism throughout the British Isles *and* Eire – surely merits immediate consideration. Such an arrangement would involve direct contact and cooperation between the British and Irish armies, Something which the Irish Government has always previously opposed.

As our authors indicate, this proposal does indeed presume a wholehearted commitment in Dublin to defeat terrorism – but this appears to be implied by the recent reaction of Mr FitzGerald to the Brighton bomb explosion. Moreover, in return for this commitment, Dublin would have the opportunity of airing its views and of influencing the policy of the UK Government on a number of security issues which at present concern it.

A key feature of the proposed arrangement would be the creation of a sub-committee of the commission, consisting of the GOC Northern Ireland, and representatives of the RUC, the Garda and the Irish Army.

Although there may be political opposition in Dublin to such a development it is doubtful whether the moral authority of the British Government in seeking cross-border security cooperation will ever be as great as it now is.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD FROST,
Executive Director,
Institute for European Defence & Strategic Studies,
13-14 Golden Square, W1.
October 15.

From Ms B. Yerolemou

Sir, As a grassroot Conservative I attended the party conference for the first time last week.

My conclusions are that attending debates is not necessary. TV broadcasts are clearer, newspapers indispensable. Speeches could even be televised without representatives all being in the same place: local TV studios and monitors have shown that views can be channelled into a single nationwide progamme. What could be safer? But speeches, I have discovered, are not the heart of conference – social contact is.

The value of conference lies in fringe meetings, receptions, balls, gatherings in the lounge of the Grand to "people watch" and to meet those I support as an active party member and finance as a taxpayer. At Brighton I recognised how precious and fine democracy is and I would risk death to preserve it.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA YEROLEMOU,
17 Heathcroft,
Ealing, W5.
October 15.

VAT on books

From Professor R. J. Johnston

Sir, If Mr Victor Sutcliffe (October 11) really believes that "only the most draconian taxation would deter .... an academic institution from Hoovering up every serious book in its field of interest" then he is obviously unaware of the obsolete Hoovers with which most British academic institutions are currently equipped.

The draconian cuts of recent years mean that university, polytechnic and college libraries are unable to buy more than a small percentage of the serious books being published in their fields of interest. VAT on books would further limit the proportion of contemporary material that could be bought by libraries and lead to a reduction in the publication of research findings.

Education would be damaged; research slowed; and British scientific influence reduced – and yet we are told on all sides that investment in education and research is fundamental to Britain's economic recovery.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. JOHNSTON,
Department of Geography,
University of Sheffield,
Sheffield.

Protection of churches

From the Reverend Giles Hunt

Sir, I rather sympathise with Mr Claude Blair's feeling (October 9) that "deans and them" (an endearingly dismissive description used by an ex-parishioner of mine of all ecclesiastics who made visitations to the parish) are complacent about the Church's protection of its heritage. Of course there are black spots.

But the defence of the ecclesiastical exemption is not that it works perfectly, but that it works much better than the alternative – i.e., some form of state control and funding – would be likely to. (A trip round French cathedrals would be informative).

After some twenty years' experience of being responsible for, and having to raise some money for the repair of, historic churches, the two practical improvements I would like to see are:

1. For the national grant-giving bodies such as the Historic Churches Preservation Trust (who are an immense help) to combine in compiling and keeping up-to-date a list of architects who are *really* competent in the rather specialised field of conservation of churches.

Diocesan advisory committees are of some help over this, but it is difficult for such local bodies to speak without fear or favour, and also parishes are more likely to heed the advice of (say) the HCPT, who are offering practical financial help as well, than the advice of a DAC whose main role is to tell parishes they can't do what they want to do!

2. For the Government to cease charging VAT on repairs to historic churches.

Having experienced various church architects, I have learned how much they vary in competence, and what an enormous difference it makes to have a good one.

And over VAT, the Chancellor could recoup his loss by abolishing DoE grants, which must be expensive to administer (they involve a lot of paper-work and duplication of architects); recent major repairs here attracted quite a large DoE grant that was almost exactly cancelled out by the imposition of VAT. Discretionary local authority grants, though, are most helpful.

At the end of the day, three things are required; a desire to maintain the building and its monuments; sufficient funds to pay for the work; and really competent supervision by an architect. And it is the architect, in practice, who is crucial on all three counts.

Yours faithfully,
GILES HUNT,
Preston Vicarage,
Preston Lane,
Faversham, Kent.

Inflation and unemployment

From Mr J. L. Carr

Sir, If expansion by Government borrowing and spending would be bound to have an inflationary aftermath, as you assume in your leading article today (October 12), why isn't inflation rampant in the USA? Answer (obviously) because the American Government has had the sense to combine fiscal expansion with tight money.

We could do the same here, and cut unemployment appreciably in the next year or two, if the British Government would accept that marginally higher interest rates need not inhibit growth any more here than they have on the other side of the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. CARR,
56 Bournemouth Drive,
Herne Bay,
Kent.
October 12.

From Mr J. W. Vincent

Sir, The Chancellor is reported today as stating that there is no escaping the link between pay and jobs.

One may well remind him that there is also an inescapable link between purchasing power and employment. Low wages dictated by competition for markets can indeed lead to decreased purchasing power internationally.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. VINCENT,
11 Shadrack Street,
Beaminster,
Dorset.
October 11.

From Mr G. S. Solt

Sir, In 1959 ICI Ltd sent me on my first computer course, from which I emerged saying "We are creating a class of unemployables", and then facetiously "we'll have to have a national sink for unemployables – like British Rail, for instance".

Dr Beeching, then my ultimate boss, shortly went on to stop that, but even he was only partially successful. For the next quarter century governments of both kinds effectively promoted my bad joke. Now we have a government which doesn't, but has nothing to put in its place.

If an engineer of modest intellect could see the problem 25 years ago, so could my betters. But in all that time neither political party, in office or out, has proposed a reasoned plan to cure it. They are neither of them doing a very good job, are they?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE SOLT, Director,
School of Water Sciences,
Cranfield Institute of Technology,
Cranfield,
Bedfordshire.
October 12.

Happy returns

From Mr Cyril Bleasdale

Sir, In an article, "Doncaster tops train league" (October 2), you refer to the analysis by Dr Ferry which questioned whether electrification of our East Coast main line is really necessary in the light of the excellent performance by Intercity 125 trains on the route.

The case for electrification approved by the Secretary of State meets the stringent test of producing a 7 per cent real rate of return. This return comes more from the savings from lower operating and maintenance costs than from revenue improvements, although we are confident that the cleaner, more reliable service with new equipment will attract more passengers.

While modernisation of the East Coast main line is in progress we will also be pressing ahead with improvements to the West Coast main line, electrified in the last decade to ensure that equally high standards are offered on both main lines in the next decade.

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL BLEASDALE,
Director, Intercity,
British Railways Board,
222 Marylebone Road, NW1.
October 10.

No cash on delivery

From Mr F. Roy Coad

Sir, As ever, London (or rather British Rail, Sevenoaks – Mr Tim Connolly, October 11) simply follows tamely in the footsteps of the hard-headed North.

It has been possible for some time to find "pay and display" car parks in Cumbria which thoughtfully accept 50p pieces if the motorist does not have the right combination of coins to meet the *15p* fee. But, like Sevenoaks station, the Cumbrians give no change.

Yours faithfully,
F. ROY COAD,
18 Kings Avenue,
Carshalton,
Surrey.

Two-point turn

From Dr A. Canale-Parola

Sir, Dr Perkins (October 5) may be interested to learn of a device used by the French fire service several years ago.

The front halves of two Citroen 2CVs were joined back to back, so to speak, to provide a vehicle equally happy travelling in either direction. This was used in fighting forest fires, allowing firemen to travel quickly along the forest tracks, and, should the need arise, escape equally as quickly back along the same track, without the need for a three-point turn.

In Dr Perkins' case, this would no doubt achieve the ultimate in automotive efficiency – the one-point turn.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN CANALE-PAROLA,
Clifton Road Surgery,
26 Clifton Road,
Rugby,
Warwickshire.
October 12.





COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 16: The Queen arrived at Heathrow Airport – London this morning in a Royal Air Force VC10 aircraft from the United States of America.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Cornwall today.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received at RNAS Culdrose by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall (the Lord Falmouth).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning opened the John Daniel Training Centre for the Mentally Handicapped at Penzance.

Her Royal Highness toured the Centre escorted by the Chairman, Social Services Committee (Mr F. Whiting).

In the afternoon, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened St Erme House Autistic Community at Truro and was received by the President, Devon and Cornwall Society for Autistic Children (the Lady St Levan).

Her Royal Highness later visited Churchtown Farm Field Studies Centre at Lostwithiel and toured the Centre escorted by the Principal of Churchtown Farm (Mr M. Overton).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 16: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Lord Charteris of Amisfield at the Memorial Service for the Lord Vaizey which was held in the Church of St Mary-at-Hill, EC3, this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 16: The Prince of Wales, attended by Mr David Roycroft, arrived at Lime Street Station, Liverpool in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness, President, The Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, subsequently visited Tranmere Methodist Youth Club, Birkenhead and Merseyside Education, Training and Enterprise Ltd, Liverpool 3, and met recipients of Trust Awards and young persons undertaking Drake Fellowship courses.

The Prince of Wales returned to London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick at the Memorial Service for The Lord Vaizey which was held in the Church of St Mary-at-Hill, EC3, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 16: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, left Heathrow Airport, London today to attend the British trade promotion in Hongkong.

His Royal Highness was received upon arrival at the airport by Mr D. Clements (Special Facilities, British Airports Authority) and Mr R. O. Jarvis (Manager, Terminal Operations British Airways).

Sir Richard Buckley is in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the John Grooms Association for the Disabled, today attended a Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church, and later opened Dolphin Court, Thorpe Bay, Essex.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Sarah Partridge.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 16: Princess Alexandra, President of World Wildlife Fund (United Kingdom), accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the final night of Wildscreen '84, the International Wildlife Film and Television Festival, and presented the main awards at the Colston Hall, Bristol, Avon.

Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales has been elected President of Dr Barnardo's to succeed Princess Margaret, who becomes a patron after 36 years as president.

The Duchess of Kent will not attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall on November 10 or the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on November 11 as previously announced.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the National Federation of Housing Associations, will be in the chair at the second meeting of the federation's inquiry into British housing on November 28 at Buckingham Palace.

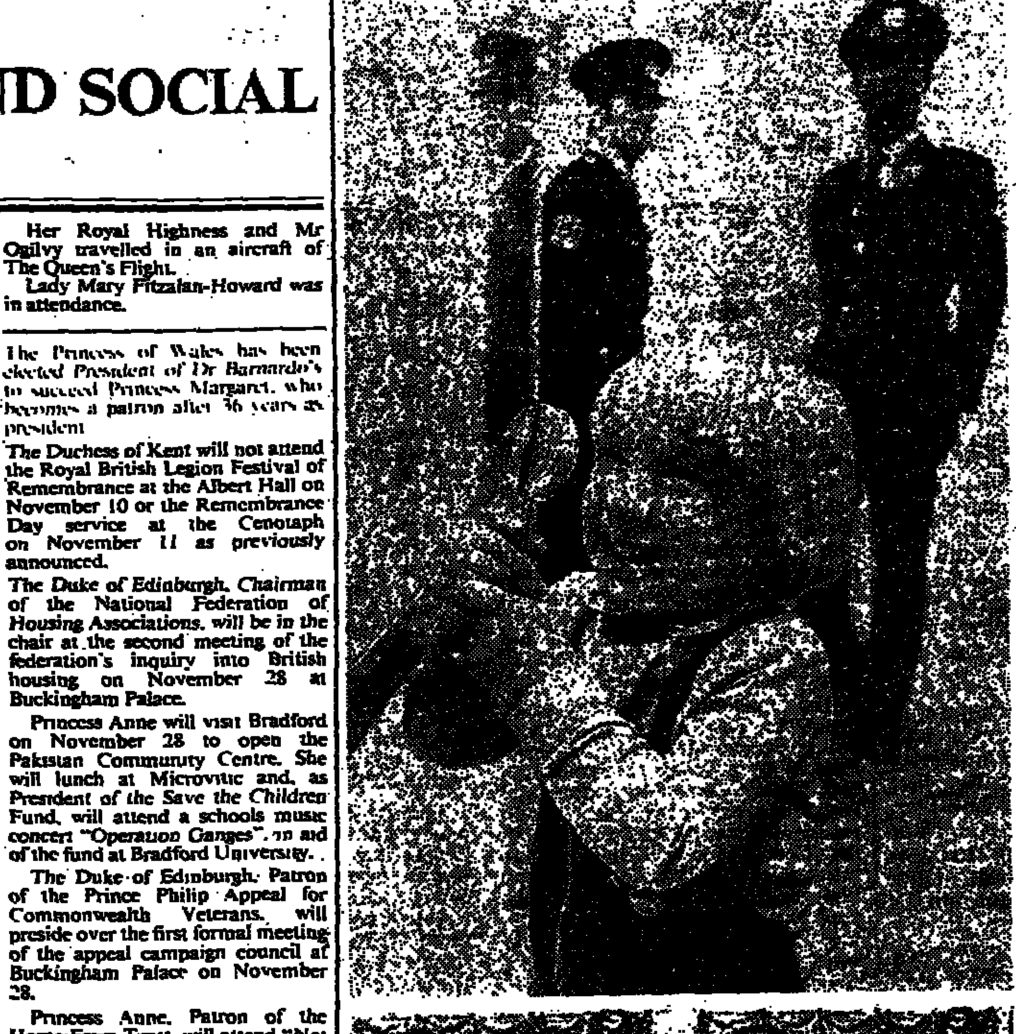
Princess Anne will visit Bradford on November 28 to open the Pakistan Community Centre. She will lunch at Microvitec and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a schools music concert "Operation Gangee" in aid of the fund at Bradford University.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans, will preside over the first formal meeting of the appeal campaign council at Buckingham Palace on November 28.

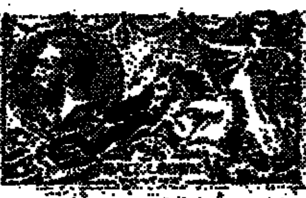
Princess Anne, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend "Not the Last Night of the Proms 1984" concert given by the Liverpool Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, in aid of the trust, at Liverpool Royal Philharmonic Hall on November 29.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Wriothesley Russell will be held at noon on Wednesday, October 24, 1984, at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Viscount and Viscountess Lambert regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for the Marquess of Aberdeen.







For the album? Richard Collinson, aged three, of Bedford, getting a closer look at the British Philatelic Exhibition 1984 in London yesterday, where exhibits included a full sheet of 40 King George V stamps – two shown above – valued at up to £1m (Photographs: Murray Job).

Cairngorm Estate 'badly managed'

By Ronald Faux

The Highlands and Islands Development Board was strongly criticized yesterday for its management of the 6,000-acre Cairngorm Estate in the Scottish Highlands.

The select committee of Scottish MPs which is looking into the operation of the board, invited the north-east Mountain Trust, a conservation group, to give evidence, and answer questions after the trust had lodged a highly critical report on the board's management policy.

Earlier Mr Robert Cowan, board chairman, had told MPs that management of the Cairngorms was hindered by the "lunatic fringe".

The trust was in no doubt that it was included in that group, with the Nature Conservancy Council, the Countryside Commission for Scotland, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the British Mountaineering Council, all of which had opposed the board's plan to allow more ski lifts.

The trust said that the board had not produced a management plan for the estate, a highly sensitive area because of its wildlife, landscape and the many forms of outdoor recreation taking place there.

Luncheons

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster yesterday gave a luncheon at City Hall in honour of the Duke of Westminster.

HM Government
Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Robert C. Coates, Canadian Minister of National Defence.

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House, given in honour of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, M. Jean Bemananjara.

Receptions

Mrs W. Ross DeGeer
The Agent General for Ontario and Mrs W. Ross DeGeer gave a reception last night at Ontario House for members of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George to meet the guest of honour Mr Arthur Gelber, Chairman of the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission. The speakers were Mr Gelber, Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, president of the branch, and Mr Brian P. Boreham, chairman.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner given on Monday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M Jacques Delors, President-designate of the European Commission. The other guests were:
M Pascal Lamy, Lord Cockfield, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Nigel Lawson, MP, Mr Tom King, MP, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Mr Paul Channon, MP, Sir Michael Butler, Mr David Williamson and Mr Charles Powell

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a dinner at Admiralty House given in honour of the Minister State Secretary of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Aurel Duma.

Friends of the Welsh College of Music and Drama
The Friends of the Welsh College of Music and Drama gave a dinner yesterday in Cardiff Castle in honour of Dr Raymond Edwards, first principal of the college, on the occasion of his retirement. Sir Lincoln Hallinan presided, accompanied by Lady Hallinan, and the other speakers were the Marquess of Bute and Mr Wynford Vaughan Thomas. Mrs Raymond Edwards and Miss Hanna Edwards were present and others attending included:
The Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, the Lieutenant for Dyfed and Lady Valerie Daniel, the High Sheriff for Mid Glamorgan and Mrs Rae; the Marchioness of Bute, Lord and Lady Edmund Davies, Mr John Morris, QC, MP and Mrs Morris, Sir William and Lady Crawshay, Sir Geraint and Lady Evans, Sir Julian Hodge, Sir Hywel Evans, Sir Alun Talfan Davies, QC, and Lady Talfan Davies, Judge David Williams, QC, and Mrs Williams, Judge and Mrs Dewi Watkin Powell, Mr Stefan Terlecki, MP, and Mrs Terlecki, Mr Owen Roberts and Mrs Anne Clwyd, MP, Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, RNR, Mrs Wynford Vaughan Thomas, Mr and Mrs Idwal Symonds and Mr and Mrs Geraint Stanley Jones

Reform Club
Mr J. Enoch Powell, MP, was the speaker at a dinner held by the Economics Group of the Reform Club last night. Mr Douglas Llambias was in the chair.

St George Dining Club
Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was the principal guest at a dinner held last night for members of the St George Dining Club and their guests at the Arts Club. Mr Robert Brum presided, accompanied by Mrs Brum. Mrs Stewart and Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, were also present.

OBITUARY

DR HOWARD PENMAN

Water supply and irrigation

Dr Howard Latimer Penman, OBE, FRS, who died on October 13, leaves a name familiar throughout the world to scientists and engineers concerned with water resources and irrigation management. He was from 1955 to 1974, head of the Physics Department of Rothamsted Experimental Station.

By study of the physics of evaporation he combined the budget of incoming and outgoing solar energy with that of the exchange of vapour between water surfaces and the atmosphere. Since the practical issues of water loss by evaporation concern water supply engineers and irrigation field managers, Penman built the essential bridge from the delicate instruments and complex complications of the laboratory to the simple routine data available from standard meteorological records of air temperature and humidity, sunshine hours and wind-run.

His paper "Natural Evaporation from Open Water, Bare Soil and Grass" published in the proceedings of the Royal Society in 1948 has become a scientific classic and is still quoted world-wide. Modified and improved by others, with the help of more elaborate modern equipment, The Penman Equation remains the basis of modern methods of irrigation control.

As head of the Physics Department at Rothamsted Experimental Station, Britain's oldest and largest agricultural research centre, Howard Penman worked vigorously on national and international scientific committees. He paid working visits to study water use by crops and forests in the USA, in Kenya and Uganda, and in the dry environment of Australia. He was elected president of the Royal Meteorological Society in 1961, was made an OBE in 1962 and elected to Fellowship of the Royal Society in the same year. In 1965 he led the British delegation to the International Hydrological Decade.

In retirement, although suffering intermittent ill health, he continued to work on scientific committees. In 1982 both Howard Penman and his wife, Nan, were guests of honour at the general assembly of the International Association of Hydrological Science.

His rather ascetic style, unassuming manner and sharply penetrating questions in debate will be remembered with affection by his colleagues in many countries.

VLADIMIR LUKONIN

Vladimir Lukonin who died on September 10 at the early age of 52, was Head of the Oriental Department at the Hermitage, Leningrad and a specialist in the art of the period of the Sassanids in Iran.

He was born in Leningrad on January 21, 1932, and received his education there, graduating from the Oriental Faculty of the Leningrad State University in 1955. He joined the staff of the Oriental Department of the State Hermitage in 1957, as a research assistant, still continuing his studies, in which he specialized in the early Sassanian period of Iran.

The Sassanian period as a whole – 3rd-7th centuries AD – remained his field of special interest throughout his life, a very fruitful one in view of the unrivalled collection of Sassanian silver in the Hermitage, and he published widely in it.

In addition to his academic ability, which made him one of the world's leading experts in Sassanian art, his personal qualities of amiability coupled with firmness, made his appointment as Head of the Oriental Department at the Hermitage in 1964, at the very early age of 32, entirely appropriate.

No one who was fortunate enough to study in his department will forget his friendly welcome, his willingness to spend time with and assist the visiting scholar, or the friendly atmosphere among all his staff in the department. They will remember, in particular, the semi-buffet lunches accompanied by the hubbub of good fellowship.

CARDINAL PAOLO MARELLA

Cardinal Paolo Marella, a former Vatican diplomat who served in Japan during the Second World War, died on October 15 in Rome. He was 89.

Born in Rome, Marella began his diplomatic career in 1922 when he was sent to join the Vatican's Apostolic Delegation in Washington.

He was made a bishop in 1933 and in the same year appointed Apostolic Delegate in Japan, where during the war he visited prisoner of war camps and helped with the administration of relief to Allied servicemen in Japanese hands.

He was appointed Apostolic Delegate to Australia in 1948 and the Vatican's Ambassador to France in 1953. He was made a cardinal in 1959 and in 1964 Pope Paul VI appointed him the first president of the Secretariat for relations with Non-Christians.

MR JOHN WIGHTWICK

Mr John Wightwick, who died aged 47 on October 13, was Headmaster of Dartington Hall School from 1973 to 1983.

Born in Bombay, where his father was in the Indian Civil Service, Wightwick was sent to England where he read Classics at Aldenham and Law at Pembroke College, Oxford, subsequently changing to English. He taught briefly in a number of independent and maintained schools before arriving at Dartington in 1962.

In 1973 he succeeded the late Dr Royson Lambert as Head of Dartington Hall School and guided it through a period of economic and political pressure for all independent schools.

As an educator he had a personal sympathy for the eccentric, often rebellious talent which many schools tend to stifle. A man of taste and cultivation, he also wrote poetry and the width of his reading was enormous.

MR WILLIAM FOSTER

Mr William Foster, the American businessman and diplomat, a former administrator of the Marshall Plan, died on October 14 at the age of 87.

In 1961 President Kennedy appointed him first director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA).

During a long and distinguished period of government service he had also been Under Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Secretary of Defence.

As head of ACDA he was chief American negotiator for the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and helped prepare the groundwork for the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (Salt) that began shortly after he retired from the government in 1969.

Lady Marshall, widow of Sir Archie Pellow Marshall, died in hospital at Truro on September 27. She was 84. She was Meta daughter of William Hawke of Bugle and she married her husband in 1926.

The Dowager Baroness Hacking, OBE, widow of the 1st Baron Hacking, died on October 2. She was the former Margery Allen Bolton, who married Douglas Hewitt Hacking in 1909. He died in 1950.

Memorial services

Lord Vaizey
The Queen Mother was represented by Lord Charteris of Amisfield and Princess Margaret by Major Lord Napier and Ettrick at a memorial service for Lord Vaizey held yesterday at the Church of St Mary-at-Hill. The Bishop of London officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr Brian Kirk-Duncan. The Hon Polly Vaizey, daughter, the Hon Edward Vaizey and the Hon Thomas Vaizey, sons, read the lessons. Mr Frank Field, MP, gave an address. The Prime Minister and the Lord President attended. Others present included:

Lady Vaizey (widow), Mr and Mrs J B Drake (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs Bernard Vaizey; the Earl and Countess of Longford, Viscount Norwich, Lord Denham, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Baroness Cox, Baroness Airey of Abingdon, Lord Weidenfeld, Lord Harris of High Cross, Lady Charteris of Amisfield, Lord Elton, Baroness Trumpington, Lord Bauer, Lord Briggs (Worcester College, Oxford), Lord Glendevon, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Annan, Lord and Lady Quinton, Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Lord Spens, Lord and Lady Blake, Lord Gibson, Lord Beloff, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Mr Michael Alison, MP, Mrs Shirley Williams, the Hon Thomas Pakenham, the Hon Mrs M Sieff, the Hon Mrs Angela Lascelles, Mr Justice Popplewell, Sir Basil Nield (representing the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple), Sir David Nicolson, Sir Edgar Williams, Lady Villiers, Air Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Sowrey, Sir Roger Falk, Sir Roy and Lady Strong, Lady (Roger) Bannister, Sir Reginald Hibbert (Ditchley Foundation) and Lady Hibbert; Mr Kenneth Bradshaw (Clerk of the House of Commons), Mr Alan Howarth, MP (chairman, Beefsteak Club), Mr Bernard Levin, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, Professor Trevor Smith (Acton Society Trust), Mr Bamber Gascoigne, the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police, Assistant Commissioner Geoffrey Dear (Metropolitan Police), Chief Superintendent W J Wilson (Royal Ulster Constabulary), Judge and Mrs S Tumim, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the Rev Professor Henry Chadwick, Mr Nigel Baker-Bates (Colony Holidays), Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft, Mr and Mrs David Galloway, Mr Michael Belmont, the Rev Richard Harries (Dean of King's College London), Mr Hubert Chesshyre (Chester Herald of Arms), Canon Eric James, Canon and Mrs P Pilkington, Mr Geoffrey Searle (chairman, LASMO).

Mr and Mrs Robert Robinson, Miss Nancy Balfour (Art Services Grants), Mr and Mrs Roland Wiseman, Mr Jeffery Daniels (Geffrye Museum), Mr Alan Bowness (Tate Gallery) and Mrs Bowness, Mr Martin B M Williams (representing the Trustees of Kelmscott House), Mr and Mrs Iain Hamilton, Mr Ion Trewin, Mr J J Davies (Family Law Bar Association), Mr John May (Association of British Orchestras), Mr Andrew McIntosh Patrick (chairman, Society of London Art Dealers), Professor Walter Elkan (Department of Economics, Brunel University), Mr Frank Giles, Professor George Teeling-Smith, Dr John Tanner, Mr and Mrs Anthony Curtis, Mr Michael Hinton, Mr and Mrs E L Klinge, Captain P M Carver, RN, Professor Peter Dickinson, Mr and Mrs John Hubbard, Miss Ruth Norton (Cumberland Lodge), Mr H V Hodson, Professor and Mrs E J Burge, Miss Helen Hudson (St Catherine's Foundation), Professor James Joll, Mrs M Morris (representing the executive director, Balfour Diamond Jubilee Trust), Mr Julian Mitchell, Mr Kingsley Amis, Canon John White (St George's House, Windsor Castle), Mr Michael Rubinstein, Mr Hilary Rubinstein, Mrs M Stacey (Theodore Goddard and Company), Mr Peter Hennessy, Mrs Duncan Stewart, Mrs Paul Johnson, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Miss Jill Coleridge, Mr Angus Stirling, Mr Walter James, Dr Mary Coghlan, Mr A D P De Lord (Valron Holdings), the Rev A H Mead (St Paul's School) with Mr Peter Thomson; the Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Mr B G Wilson (Clerk to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen) with Mr D J Piper; Mr John Grigg (Blackheath Society) and Mrs Grigg and Mrs Annely Juda.

The Marquess of Aberdeen
A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Marquess of Aberdeen was held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. The Rev Charles Taylor officiated. The Rev Francis Pym and the Marquess of Aberdeen, brother, read the lessons. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, gave an address. Lady Jessamine Harmsworth, sister, sang the anthem. Among those present were:

Margaret Marchioness of Aberdeen (stepmother), the Marchioness of Aberdeen and June Marchioness of Aberdeen (sisters-in-law), the Earl and Countess of Haddo, Dr Rodney and Lady Emma Foale, Mrs Francis Pym, Mrs Ruairidh MacLeod, Mr and Mrs Anthony Swetenham, Mr Peter Royds, Miss Diana Royds, Mr and Mrs Ralph Ricketts, Mr Simon Ricketts.

The Earl of Burford, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, Lord Somers, Lord John-Mackie, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord Amulree, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord Grimond, Lady Saltoun, Lord Mountevans, Lady Kinloss, Lord Chitnis, Lady Sempill, Baroness Hylton-Foster, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC (chairman, TVS), Sir Ralph Anstruther, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mr and Mrs Neville Ford, Mr Stuart Rose (chairman, Arts Club), Mrs Elizabeth David, Mr James Lees-Milne, Mr David Holmes (Secretary of the BBC, also representing the director-general), Mr Graville Havenhand (Deputy Head of Talks and Features, BBC World Service), Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Miss C Lawson Dick, Mr I McIntyre, Mr B W Smith (assistant manager, Drummonds branch, Royal Bank of Scotland), Miss Joanna Gordon of Ellon, Mr Howard Newby, Mrs Graham Hastings, Mr and Mrs David Money, Mrs Elizabeth Forts, Mr Richard Griffiths and Mr Hoon Mallalieu.

Meeting

English-Speaking Union
Sir Donald Hawley was the guest of honour and speaker at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, ESU Director of Current Affairs, was in the chair.

Ancaster House School

Scholarship Examinations will take place this year on Saturday, December 1, upon the results of which two full fees and two half fees awards will be made including one award for music. Closing date October 31.

Birthdays today

Mr George Mackay Brown, 63; Mr Harry Carpenter, 59; Dr Alexander Cooke, 85; the Earl of Dalhousie, 70; Sir Denis Dobson, QC, 76; Mr Alan Garner, 50; Mr Justice Ralph Gibson, 62; the Right Rev R. C. O. Goodchild, 74; Lord Kilbracken, 64; Sir Robert Macintosh, 87; Mr Arthur Miller, 69; Mr Rodrigo Moynihan, 74; Sir Peter Noble, 85; Sir Melford Stevenson, 82; Mr Donald Stewart, MP, 64; Mr G. H. Turnbull, 58.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. S. Dryden and Miss C. R. Graham
The engagement is announced between Matthew Scott, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. S. Dryden, of Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire and Kuwait, and Christian Rachel, daughter of Sir John and Lady Graham, of Fulham and Brussels.

Mr J. J. Abbot and Miss D. S. Bennett
The engagement is announced between John Jason, only son of Mr Freddie Abbot and the late Mrs Margery Abbot, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, and Deborah Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Derrick Bennett, of Aston House, Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire.

Mr B. Anscomb and Miss C. Goode
The engagement is announced between Bernard, youngest son of the late Mr James Anscomb and Mrs Edith Anscomb, of Ashmansworth, Hampshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Goode, of Brough, Bradwell, near Sheffield.

Mr P. H. Dragonetti and Miss S. E. Redston
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs H. H. Dragonetti, of Storrington, Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. Redston, of Horsham, Sussex.

Captain B. A. J. Burnett, REME, and Miss J. E. Dorsett
The engagement is announced between Bruce, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. J. Burnett, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Jill, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs D. A. Dorsett, of Bangor, Gwynedd.

Captain P-L. D. Fox and Miss J. E. Pearson
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs M. C. Fox, of Chisleton, Chester, and Jane, daughter of the late Major O. H. Pearson and Mrs Pearson, of Balderton, Newark on Trent.

Mr M. R. Hadsley-Chaplin and Miss L. B. Henderson
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs E. Hadsley-Chaplin, of Norton House, Reigate, Surrey, and Lavinia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, of 44a Cheyne Court, London.

Mr B. A. P. Jones and Miss S. R. Jordan
The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Jones, of Kingston Vale, and Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Jordon, of Kilmeena, co Mayo.

Mr D. C. P. Nesbitt and Miss C. V. Hunter
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. E. Nesbitt, of Glebe Cottage, Elsted, Midhurst, West Sussex, and Carol, daughter of Captain and Mrs A. S. Hunter, of Hyndhope, Ettrick, Selkirkshire, Scotland.

Mr J. M. Pocock and Miss C. P. McCall
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs M. A. Pocock, of Seal Chart, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. McCall, of Great Abington, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M. Rayner and Miss J. Lindus
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A. Rayner, of Guildford, Surrey, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lindus, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr D. N. Robinson and Miss V. G. Rickitt
The engagement is announced between David Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. H. H. Robinson, of Cobham, Surrey, and Virginia Gail, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Rickitt, of Widdrington Village, Northumberland.

Mr P. R. Rose and Miss C. A. Ross
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Jack and Jill Rose, and Carole, daughter of Anthony Ross and Valerie Greenbury.

Mr J. P. Rothwell and Miss E. E. Atkinson
The engagement is announced between James Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. F. Rothwell, of Chelsey, Oxfordshire, and Elizabeth Eileen, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. B. Atkinson, of Ealing, London.

Mr P. J. Russell and Miss D. A. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Peter James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Stevenson Russell, of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, and Deborah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Douglas Hutchinson, of Highgate, London.

Mr C. J. Steane and Miss C. A. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. Steane, of Wellsway, Bath, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. J. N. Chapman, of Sandford Orcas, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr M. J. Brouwer and Miss P. Hart Nibbrig
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 13th, in Laren, The Netherlands, between Mr Maarten Jan Brouwer, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. Brouwer, of 10 Chester Row, London, SW1, and Miss Priscilla Hart Nibbrig, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Hart Nibbrig, of 9 Verlengde Engweg, Laren, The Netherlands.

Mr J. A. H. Welch and Miss C. E. Cooper
The marriage took place on Saturday at St John's Church, Sutton Coldfield, between Mr Jonathan Andrew Hallam Welch, Army Air Corps, and Miss Claire Elaine Cooper, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Hooper, of Sutton Coldfield.

Mr P. J. A. Darling and Miss A. C. Crossley
The marriage took place yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, of Mr Patrick Darling, son of Mr Gerald Darling, QC, and Mrs Darling, of Crevanagh, Omagh, co Tyrone, and Miss Amanda Crossley, eldest daughter of Colonel the Hon. Nicholas and Mrs Crossley, of Westfield Farm, Malton, North Yorkshire. The Rev A. E. T. Hobbs officiated, assisted by the Rev John Manchester and the Rev Sandy Millar.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of Thai silk and Chantilly lace. Her lace veil was held in place by a diamond and ruby tiara and she carried a bouquet of stephanotis, freesias, lilies-of-the-valley and white roses. Thomas Arkwright, Lord Irwin, Robert Jones-Davies, the Hon Louisa Crossley, Lady Joanna Wood and Emma and Charlotte Willoughby attended her. Mr James Montagu-Douglas-Scott was best man. A guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and Non Commissioned Officers of the 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars.

A reception was held in St James's Palace and the honeymoon will be spent in France.

Lieutenant-Colonel B. Diefenbach and Miss P. Epstine
The marriage and nuptial mass took place at St Bonifatius Church, Wiesbaden, Federal Republic of Germany, on Saturday, September 8, 1984, between Lieutenant-Colonel Brent Diefenbach and Miss Patricia Epstine.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr Eugene Epstine, of Wimbledon and Wiesbaden, was attended by her sisters, Mrs Katherine Johnson and Mrs Deborah Holland. Colonel David Clarke, United States Air Force, was best man.

The honeymoon was spent in Monte Carlo.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James McDonald was christened Alexandra Pamela Helen by the Rev Geoffrey Parsons on Sunday, October 7, 1984, at the parish church of St Mary the Virgin, Weaverham. The godparents are Mr John Gallimore, Mrs David Suter and Mrs Roger Eastwood.

Ephemera Society

The Samuel Pepys medal, awarded annually by the Ephemera Society for an outstanding contribution to ephemera studies, was presented yesterday to Dr Robin Alston of the British Library.

Latest appointments

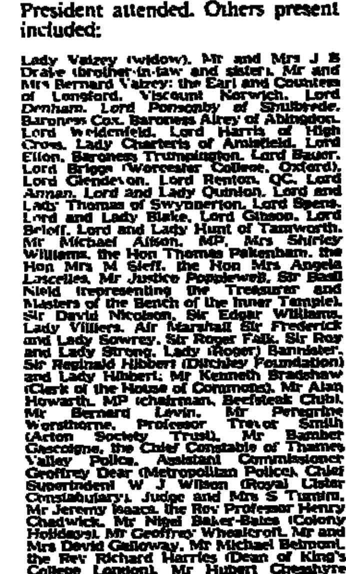
Latest appointments include:
Mr David Peace to be president, and Mr Michael R. Nathan chairman of the Guild of Glass Engravers.

Mr Richard Tracey, aged 41, MP for Surbiton, has been appointed parliamentary secretary to Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology.

Eight teams go into stage two

The three leading teams qualifying from the first stage of the English Bridge Union's comprehensive three-stage international trial at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, at the weekend were:
1. A. J. Waterlow and P. J. Sadler; D. Edwin and R. Sampson (Middx) 117. 2. P. J. Denning and J. D Rue; J. Angseesing and A. Kambites (Glos) 112. 3. D. A. L. Burn and P. A. Jackson, U. Durmus and R. O'Reilly (London) 102.

They will join the five exempted teams in the second stage on November 17, 18 in Birmingham. The final is in London a week later. England are the present holders of the Camrose Cup.





JAMES SCOTT SKINNER (1843-1927), the Strathspey King, was moved to music by the lilting flavour and melting resonances of a tumbler of his favourite malt whisky.

If you enjoy the dance, you will find Skinner's MACALLAN a strathspey of singular sprightliness. As for the malt which inspired the piece, it is a nectar fit for Terpsichore herself.

THE MACALLAN. THE MALT.

Science report

Looking at living cells without recourse to test tubes

By Judy Redfearn

Living cells constantly undergo chemical change as they take in energy and building materials and excrete waste products.

Traditionally, the only way to study such chemical processes, or cell metabolism as they are called, is to look at cells in a test tube, a far cry from their normal habitat.

But now that is changing. A recent technique is making it possible to study living cells in situ. It is called nmr (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectroscopy.

Nmr spectroscopy is not only providing researchers with insights into how cells work, it is also proving a useful tool in the diagnosis of certain human metabolic disorders, for example, those that affect the way in which muscel cells convert sugar into energy.

It relies on the fact that the nuclei of certain atoms behave very like tiny bar magnets. When placed in a strong magnetic field, they line up with it and absorb radio waves to flip into an alignment against the field. The frequency of the radio wave to which a molecule responds indicates which elements are present, where and when.

So far, phosphorous has proved most helpful in diagnosing human disorders: its nucleus is susceptible to magnetic fields and is contained in molecules involved in the storage of chemical energy inside cells.

But the most useful nucleus, in theory at least, would be carbon. It is everywhere in living things and is directly involved in the transport of material and energy to and from cells.

The chief difficulty is that only the rarest form of carbon, carbon-13, has a magnetic nucleus and nmr spectroscopy has so far been too insensitive to detect the small concentrations in which it is naturally present. All that could change, however, if a new method of data analysis developed by a group of mathematicians and chemists from Cambridge fulfils its promise.

Sibusiso Sibisi and colleagues have developed a technique which, they say, significantly increases the sensitivity of nmr spectroscopy by sorting out the nmr signal from the background "noise" better than ever before.

Normally, several nmr spectra have to be recorded and added together before an acceptable reading is achieved. When the spectra are added, so too is the "noise", small spurious readings that are probably due to the equipment. Sorting out the signal from the "noise" can be quite a difficulty.

The Cambridge team claim to have a mathematical technique, called the maximum-entropy method, which separates the signal from the noise using fewer cumulated spectra.

What is more, they say their method gives a sharper and clearer signal than ever before. Its one disadvantage is that it takes quite a bit more computer time than current methods.

But if their technique does prove itself and is widely adopted, then nmr spectroscopy will have come of age. For it will then be possible to take spectra of carbon-13 nuclei in many circumstances that are now impossible. We will then be watching the life cycle of the cell as it happens.

Source: Nature, vol 311, p446 (October, 4 1984).

Latest wills

Mrs Amelia Elizabeth Porter, of West Kirby, Merseyside, left estate valued at £988,019 net. She left the sale proceeds of her home for such charitable institutions or objects in the United Kingdom as her trustees select. Bequests include £10,000 to St Luke's Methodist Church, Hoylake, £5,000 each to the Methodist Central Hall, Liverpool, and "the Sisters of Jesus Way", £2,000 to the Salvation Army, for its Eventide Home at Holm Hill, West Kirby, £1,000 to the Auxiliary Fund of the Methodist Ministers Retirement Fund.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Brooke, Mrs Lilian Maude, of Binfield, Berkshire .... £348,848.
Burrows, Mr George, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire .... £246,109.
Burrows, Mr Richard, of Shrewsbury .... £259,291.
Corner, Hilda Margaret, of Rustington, West Sussex £221,155
Dean, Mr Frank Hillsdon, of Ampfield Hampshire .... £321,962.
Willmott, Mrs Marjorie Joyce, of Southwold, Suffolk .... £298,837.
Wiseman, Mrs Adele Jenny, of West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire .... £211,292.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Can lend, lend, lend do exports credit?

If exports cost public money, are they worth it? Yesterday, Mr Ian Byatt, of the Treasury, revealed to a conference on export subsidies that the cash deficit of the Export Credit Guarantee Department, running at £200m, may rise as high as £800m by 1986-87, in consequence of the need to refinance part of its total contingent liability of £35 billion.

At this level, Treasury loans to the ECGD become a significant element in the Government's public spending decisions. But rescheduling international debt is the necessary result of decisions taken in the past; the nub of the debate, organized by the Public Finance Founder and the Trade Policy Research Centre, concerned future government policy.

As far as cover by the ECGD (in whatever form the institute survives) is concerned, there is no argument: the ECGD is supposed to pay its way. The critical issue is the use of interest rate subsidies on export credits, together with "mixed credits" – a combination of subsidized credit and pure aid to finance British exports.

Nearly two years ago, Mr Byatt and an interdepartmental group of government economists had the temerity to question this issue of funds to support British capital goods exports selectively. Last year, the argument dimmed a little with international agreement to raise minimum interest rates on export credits to developing countries, and review rates six-monthly in line with market rates; as these were declining anyway, the subsidy gap was narrowing.

Since then, however, market rates have risen – and the Treasury's estimates of the public expenditure costs of interest-rate subsidies, which were to have been eliminated by next year, have also gone up. Yesterday, Mr Byatt threw himself to the lions of the Department of Trade and Industry and Britain's capital goods industry to contest the merits of such subsidies to an industrial sector providing only 8 per cent of manufactured exports.

The menagerie included the usual number of shabby tigers determined to defend their vested interest. But other participants mounted a very respectable defence of the use of credits to match those offered by other governments, given the underlying competitiveness of this sector of British industry.

Clearly it would be advantageous if all governments were to cut export subsidies. The United States is taking a useful lead in this. Meanwhile, there is a particular expense touched on by Mr Byatt, incurred by the growing use of dollar finance. All other governments could agree to limit this dangerous form of capital export competition.

Time to tune in to Racal's offer

As Brooke Bond discovered, a defence against a takeover bid which essentially is a plea for a second chance for a management with an indifferent record is unlikely to succeed. Fund managers especially cannot afford emotion unless it can be priced with some accuracy.

Chubb & Son, a revered name in a land of lost opportunities, has little, if any, real claim to shareholders' loyalty in the face of a reasonable all paper bid from Racal worth about 287p.

To believe that Chubb management has seen the light of a new dawn would be a triumph of hope over experience. The company plainly needs a a new dynamic and a new dimension. For too long Chubb shareholders have waited for the company to assume what once seemed its rightful place in the rapidly expanding security businesss.

Racal is right to stress that Chubb needs the injection of systems and communications technology which Racal is equipped to provide. Together they would form a group with enormous potential

The industrial logic behind Racal's offer is not denied by Chubb. It is also hard to see Chubb's share price remaining at or near its present level if the bid were to fail. The only question in the minds of shareholders, who have until tomorrow to say yea or nay, is the likely future value of Racal shares. Business in the United States is booming; it may be picking up in tactical radio; cellular radio and the Racal-Vodaphone are taxiing for take-off in 1985. Chubb would be a valuable addition in Racal's next phase.

Chubb's advisers, County Bank, complained yesterday to the Takeover Panel about Racal's claims of acceptances received. They want a definite figure. Acceptances have undoubtedly come in at a good rate and they are gathering momentum. Shareholders still in doubt should accept Racal's terms.

Corporate losers in the pit dispute

Strike-bound shares

	Share price (p)	Fall yesterday (p)
Associated Heat Services	308	8
Babcock International	137	4
Bridon	102	4
Burnett & Hallamshire	130	10
Dobson Park	72	4
Dowty Group	176	9
Matthew Hall	278	2
NEI	72½	1½
Victor Products	90	5

The stock market suffered one of its periodic kneejerk reactions yesterday. News of the breakdown in the pits dispute talks winded fund managers more than it should have done, possibly because hopes had been so strongly inflated before the weekend. Weak sterling and falling shares fed on one another's misery. The pound fell below $1.20 for the first time and the FT Industry Ordinary index lost 15 points.

In the teeth of the storm is a small group of shares which are particularly affected by the miners' strike. These belong to the companies, mainly engineers, which supply goods and equipment to the National Coal Board. One exception is Burnett and Hallamshire, which suffers because it operates some private drift mines and as such is subject to the miners' strictures. On some estimates it may be losing as much as £500,000 in profits per month because of the strike.

Of the others, the 32-week dispute's effects have been extremely varied. One factor is whether they supply the NCB with durable equipment, orders for which have merely been postponed, or whether their trade is in consumables such as pumps, ropes and lighting, where the business has effectively been lost for ever. The other question is how much of their turnover goes to the mines. While it is less than significant to the likes of Babcock and Bridon, Victor Products sells 40 per cent of its output to the NCB. Lord Ezra, former NCB chairman, heads another supplier, Associated Heat Services.

While yesterday's falls embraced all these firms, it is notable that some of the shares are actually higher than they were at the start of the dispute. This is true of Bridon, Dowty and Matthew Hall.

Sterling pulled back above $1.20 by improved PSBR

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Sterling dropped below $1.20 for the first time yesterday but picked up slightly later in the day after unexpectedly-good public sector borrowing requirement figures, the announcement of a drop in US industrial production, and further prime rate cuts by American banks.

The PSBR was £633m in September, well below most City expectations. There were suggestions that a high PSBR figure could have forced a rise in UK interest rates, taken alongside sterling's weakness.

Sterling traded below $1.20 before recovering slightly to close at $1.2035, down half a cent on the day and a new record low.

The sterling index was down 0.4 at 75.5. The pound came under pressure following the breakdown of coal peace talks last night and the Norwegian oil price cut. Selling began in the Far East and, early in London trading, sterling dropped to a record low of $1.1977.

For the first time in recent weeks, the pressure on sterling did not just reflect the dollar strength. Yesterday, the dollar was steady against most other currencies.

The September 1984 PSBR of £633m compares with £1,237m in September 1983. The cumulative PSBR for 1984-85 of £7.17bn compares with a full-year target of £7.25bn. However, the PSBR in the second-half is expected to be small.

The coal strike is estimated to have boosted the PSBR by up to £1bn so far. Sterling's weakness has provided an offsetting factor, boosting North Sea oil revenues. In September these were up to £1.54bn, compared with £848m a year earlier.

The second payment on Enterprise Oil shares reduced the PSBR by £180m in September, and the sale of the Government's Inmos stake cut borrowing by a further £95m.

Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (£m)

	1983	1984
April	1,235	2,379
May	1,148	1,200
June	784	998
July	718	450
August	1,747	1,506
September	1,237	633
Half-year total	6,869	7,166
Target for year	8,290	7,250

Revenues were strong overall: Inland Revenue receipts in the first six months were up £2.4bn on a year earlier, Customs and Excise receipts were £1bn higher.

There are signs that expenditure is moving towards the Government's target. In the first six months, supply services expenditure was up 6½ per cent on a year earlier, the full-year target is for a 5¾ per cent increase.

In the US, several banks reduced their prime rates by ¼ per cent to 12½ per cent. Citibank, Chemical Bank, First National Chicago, and Manufacturers Hanover reduced rates by this amount, rather than following Bankers Trust's ½ percentage point cut to 12¼ per cent on Monday.

● US industrial production, hampered by last month's car manufacturing strike, declined by 0.6 per cent in September and broke a chain of 21 consecutive advances which began in November, 1982, the last month of the severe recession.

New rescue deal 'near'

Negotiations between institutional shareholders in Johnson Matthey over the rescue package for the company are believed to be close to a conclusion. Although no date has been fixed for sending out the delayed letter to shareholders, it was suggested in the City last night that an announcement on a new package could be made soon.

It is thought that enough institutional votes have been marshalled to push through significant alterations to the Bank of England's original plan.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1,124.3 down 21.7 (high: 1128.9, low: 1123.7)
FT Index: 866.6 down 15.0
FT Gilts: 80.22 up 0.76
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 20,580
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 102.99 down 1.2
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1203.95 up 1.00
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,757.89 down 22.29
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,020.01 up 20.92

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 75.5 down 0.4 (range 75.6-75.3)
$1.2035 down ½ cent
DM 3.78 down 0.0150
FrF 11.57 down 0.06
Yen 299.75 down 1.0
Dollar Index 144.1 down 0.1
DM 3.1420 down 0.0040

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.2030
Dollar DM 3.1420

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.592575
SDR £0.813270

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11
Discount market loans week fixed 10 9/16 - 10½
3 month interbank 10¾ - 10⅝

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11 1/16 - 10 15/16
3 month DM 6 - 5⅞
3 month Fr F12½ - 11 15/16

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.75 - 12.25
Fed funds 10 7/16
Treasury long bond 102 29/32 - 102 25/32

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 5, to October 2, 1984, inclusive 10.904 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $339.75 pm $339.50
close $340.00 - 340.50 (£282.50 - 283)
New York (latest): $340
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$350 - 351.50 (£291 - 292)
Sovereigns* (new):
$80 - 81 (£66.75 - 67.50)

Cash flood lifts hopes of cut in mortgages

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Money flooded into the building societies last month and raised hopes that mortgage rates could soon be on the way down. Figures from the Building Societies' Association yesterday confirmed a sharp recovery in building society inflows.

Net receipts, which had sunk to £133m in August, bounced back to £887m in September, the highest monthly total since February.

Societies also raised £360m by issuing negotiable bonds and certificates of deposit in wholesale money markets.

September normally sees a pick-up in building society receipts, but the societies' high interest rates and the withdrawal of the twenty-eighth issue of National Savings also contributed to last month's recovery.

October is expected to be another good month, with receipts likely to approach the record £968m set last October.

The improvement comes amid signs that mortgage demand has slackened and the possibility of a mortgage rate cut is sure to be discussed when the BSA council meets on November 9. The possibility of a cut being agreed then has not been ruled out, although it is by no means certain and some societies are likely to favour a delay.

Much will depend on what happens to the general level of interest rates. Some societies may want to wait to assess the impact of the British Telecom share issue in the middle of November before reaching a decision. Some senior managers have suggested that the issue could drain up to £400m from societies as investors withdraw funds to buy BT shares.

The latest BSA figures suggest that high mortgage rates now have a marked effect in discouraging borrowers. Mr Richard Weir, secretary-general of the BSA, said that societies are now in a good position to meet mortgage demand.

The amount lent on mortgages fell by 20 per cent to £1.891m in September compared with the previous month. There was also a fall in the total promised to new borrowers from £1.998m to £1.774m.

Carless in £15m dawn raid on Premier

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Mr John Leonard, chairman of Carless Capel, made a determined last-ditch attempt yesterday to win control of Premier Consolidated, the rival oil exploration company.

Carless spent £15m in a successful dawn raid on Premier's shares and announced new bid terms worth more than its previous one-for-three share offer.

Mr Leonard immediately made it clear that his latest terms – a mixture of shares an loan stock worth just – over 70p a share at last night's closing price – was his final offer. He said "I am very confident of success, particularly after the reaction in the stock market this morning".

Acting on Carless's behalf Rowe and Pitman, the stock broking firm, needed only 20 minutes to complete its dawn raid, picking up just under 15 per cent of Premier's shares at around 69p share. Premier's shares closed at 67½ p last night when Carless's offer – one Carless share and £1 of convertible loan stock for every four Premier shares – was worth slightly over £100m.

Mr Roland Shaw, Premier's chairman, rejected the new bid as "hopelessly inadequate", and said he would be urging shareholders to reject it.

He described it as a last gasp effort by Mr Leonard which was worth less than Carless's original bid when it was first announced.

British Land expands

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The British Land Company is buying the share capital of Rank City Wall, the property investment company which is part of the Rank Organization.

British Land is paying £49m in cash for the company, which has a portfolio valued at £93.5m. It will pay £26m for the share capital and £23m to enable Rank City Wall to repay its debts to the Rank Organization. British Land has assumed the benefit of long-term institutional borrowings of £14m, with other net liabilities of £5m.

The deal will boost British Land's net asset value to 255p per share or a fully diluted figure of 202p per share. Mr John Ritblat, British Land's chairman, considers the valuation of the Rank City Wall portfolio, by Weatherall, Green & Smith last October, to be conservative.

BNOC faces pressure to cut oil price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain's North Sea oil price remained unchanged at its official level of $30 a barrel yesterday despite continuing price falls in world oil spot markets and the official price cut made 24 hours earlier by Norway.

However, strong pressure remains on the British government oil trader, the British National Oil Corporation, from its customers to reduce prices and from the Department of Energy and the Treasury on the other hand to keep prices steady for the remaining quarter of the year.

BNOC will again consider the price issue today, but it will be the response from its customers which will determine whether a cut is made. A switch from contract prices to wholesale spot market purchases will force a price cut, but the resultant instability in the market would be welcomed by neither the oil producers nor the buyers.

In addition, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is anxious to keep its price structure intact until December when new price and production quotas can be agreed. The hope in the industry is, that the building-up of winter stocks will lead to a narrowing of the gap between spot and contract prices

NEWS IN BRIEF

UBM sells scaffolding subsidiary

UBM, the building supplies group, has sold its scaffolding division to British Electric Traction for a cash payment of £5.8m. The division will be incorporated into the BET Access subsidiary. UBM Scaffolding has an annual turnover of around £10m and profits of £1.1m are forecast for the year to February 1985. The acquisition will provide BET with an annual turnover of £75m from its scaffolding and access interests. Tempus, page 18.

● PATERSON ZOCHONIS, the overseas trading group with extensive interests in Nigeria, has increased pretax profits for the year to May 31 to £30.9m, up from £26.8m. Turnover fell from £275.9m to £262.6m. The final dividend of 3.7p makes 5.15p for the year against 4.75p last time. Tempus, page 18

● PEACHEY PROPERTY Corporation announced a 24 per cent rise in pretax profits for the year ended June 24 1984, to £8.31m. Net asset value rose to 304p per share from 269p. Net rents also rose by 27 per cent to £6.73m. Property valuations totalled £110.80m, a rise of 10 per cent. The recommended final dividend is 4.5p per share, making a total of 7.0p for the year. Tempus, page 18

● SIR JOHN CUCKNEY, the chairman of Brooke Bond, yesterday formally recommended acceptance of the 125p a share offer from Unilever in a letter accompanying the Unilever offer document.

Japan likely to be offered BT shares

By Our Business Correspondent

Shares in British Telecom now look virtually certain to be offered to Japanese as well as North American investors when the corporation is privatized next month.

A delegation of senior BT executives, led by Mr Derek Vander Weyer, the deputy chairman, returned from Japan at the weekend after a four-day visit to Japan which included a series of presentations to Japanese investment institutions.

The trip was organized by Nomura Securities, Japan's largest securities house, and the party included representatives from both Kleinwort, Benson and Warburgs, the two merchant banks most closely involved in the issue.

No final decision has been taken whether to include Japan in the BT flotation, but the encourageing response to last week's visit has raised expectations that a proportion of the issue – estimated to raise £3.500m – will be made available to Japanese investors.

The impact day for the flotation is scheduled for November 15 or 16.

Brock fears new US trade war with Europe over agriculture

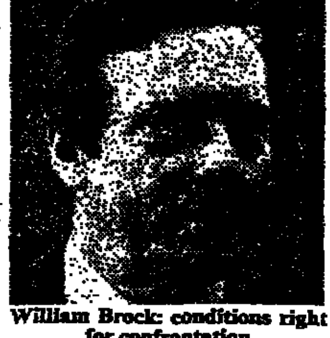
From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr William Brock, the Reagan Administration's top trade official, raising the strong prospect of a deferred agricultural war with Europe, said yesterday he feared there would be a new confrontation by early next year.

Mr Brock said that domestic protectionist pressures would remain strong after next month's elections. Given this environment and the still unresolved disputes between the United States and the European Community, he said the situation was hazardous. "There is a lot of gasoline on the floor right now and all anyone has to do is to light a match."

Mr Brock said condition were right for a new confrontation for a variety of reasons, expressing the Reagan Administration's strong impatience over the stalemate on agricultural issues.

He said the EEC, despite past promises and continuing rhetoric, had yet to show, "a willingness to enter serious negotiations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trades to move the subsidy dispute forward."


William Brock: conditions right for confrontation

Mr Brock said the political climate next year would be volatile. He said the continuing "excessive spending" on agricultural programmes was going to put "intolerable pressure on the EEC" at a time when there would be a new commission "wrestling with that most intractable of all problems."

This would occur he said during an equally dificult period in the United States when the newly-elected Congress would be writing an omnibus new farm Bill.

"We will be sorely tempted to do unto Europe what Europe has done to us," Mr Brock said.

Mr Brock disclosed that the Administration had been holding informal talks to produce a more concrete, broader solution to the plight of debtor nations when they meet with industrialized nations next spring. This meeting, to be held in conjunction with a meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, was promised by Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary.

Mr Brock said that although nothing had been agreed be had spoken to Mr Regan and found him generally supportive of forging concrete finance and trade links at the spring meeting

He said without such linkage resulting in a broader solution to the debt problem, he did not believe it could be managed successfully over the difficult period between now and 1990 when the bulk of repayments are due.

Well done, Beryl!

It isn't easy being younger sister to a well-established star.

Luckily, Beryl B, sibling to Mobil's well-established Beryl A production platform, has a lot to offer on her own terms.

Supported by a steel jacket that weighs only a fraction of her sister's concrete bulk, Beryl B nevertheless stands tall and firm (with 130 foot pilings into the seabed to withstand the worst that the North Sea can come up with).

Inside, she's been equipped with Rolls Royce-driven generators supplying 39 megawatts – enough power for a town the size of Inverness. Moreover, that power is put to good use, injecting excess gas back into the oil reservoir to force yet more crude to the surface.

Beryl B's upbringing has been an expensive affair. To date, the platform has cost some £400 million, with more than 80 percent of that total spent here in the UK on the products and services of more than 400 contractors.

At peak, Beryl B gave employment to more than 5,000 people and overall involved 13 million man-hours of work.

Now, just over four years since inception, Mobil's Beryl B officially comes of age, with an inauguration ceremony today.

Beryl B might not have been the first girl on her block. But with the potential to recover 300 million barrels of oil in her long lifetime, she does come in a close second.



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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Oil sector leads share price tumble

By Derek Pain

Equities and Government stocks were rocked yesterday by the unilateral Norwegian decision to cut oil prices and the abrupt termihnation of the latest round of miners peace talks.

The market never recovered from an early selling wave although, once the initial shock had been absorbed, buyers and sellers were more evenly matched.

Oils were particularly weak. Accoridng to a Datastream calculation, the valuation of oil shares slumped by more than 4 per cent.

British Petroleum led the retreat with the shares falling 22p to 463p. **Britoil** greeted its new Australian cheif executive, Mr David Walker, with a 17p decline to 211p and **Enterprise Oil** tumbled 8p to 182p.

Lasmo was another casualty, losing 15p to 308p. **Shell, Ultramar** and **Tricentrol** were among others marked lower and even **Burmah**, where take over hopes still swirl, suffered although it managed to claw back most of its initial fall closing just 1p off at 204p.

Carless, Capel and Leonard, which has increased its offer for **Premier Consolidated Oil** and lifted its shareholding to just under 15 per cent, fell 7p to 181p. Premier rose 2½p to 67½p.

The **Irish-Columbian** oil triplets continued to lose ground following the disappointing drilling report.

The rest of the market, if not quite in such a bad shape as the oil sector, was in ragged disarray. At the close the FT 30 shares index was just off its lowest point of the day at 866.6 points, down 15 points. At one time it had been down 16 points at 865.6 points.

The **FT-SE 100** share index, standing proudly at a new peak on Monday, finished at its lowest level of the day at 1,124.3 points, a 21.7 points slump.

Gilts, too, were mauled. They were beset by worries about the weak pound and at one time recorded losses stretching to £1¼. Belated response to the better-than-expected PSBR figures and vague speculation that the pit deputies had decided not to strike eased the anguish at the close but even so falls were in the £1 area.

Haden, up 12p to 162p in two days, is thought to be the next target for the acquisitive Tarmac civil engineering and building group. With its shares down from 246p earlier this year and profits under acute pressure, Haden, a building services and metal finishing engineer, is clearly vulnerable to a bid.

Inflation gilts, strong lately, also came in for severe treatment with falls of about £1.

Among equities some of the recent takeover stocks retained their appeal despite the overall gloom. **DRG Group,** the packaging and stationery group, had another eventful day. Down 3p in the opening flurry to 177p they then touched 186p before closing 5p better on the day at 185p.

Lucas Industries, where the American Rockwell Group is thought to be contemplating a bid, shrugged off much of the gloom, falling only 2p to 239p after at one time touching 237p.

Muirhead, the electronics group which has on many occasions been the subject of intense speculation, jumped back into the takeover frame with a 16p rise to 162p. Until April the American Tyco Laboratories held a near 29 per cent shareholding in company. It sold its shares to 25 city institutions at a price thought to be a little below 160p.

And amid all the despair, **Iceland Frozen Foods** made an even more outstanding debut than even the most optimists had expected. Sold at 210p the shares opened at 314p, advanced to 319p before settling at a remarkable 317p.

Allianz Versicherung, the West German insurance group which failed to win control of Eagle Star in a £1 billion bid battle last year, is due to make a Londoh investment presentation to institutional shareholders this month. Allianz shares have been strong lately and although the company regards the session as a routine exercise it will fuel speculation that a big development is contemplated – either the spin-off of its non-German operations or another bid for a British insurance group.

Mr Malcolm Walker and Mr Peter Hinchcliffe, the guiding lights at the company, were at the Stock Exchange to witness the market's rapturous reception.

They each collected £1.6m by selling shares at the offer for sale. But they retained 28 per cent shareholdings in IFF which makes them each worth at least £10m.

IFF, the only quoted rival to Bejam, has 81 stores, profits have risen from £152,000 to £1.8m in five years. This year's forecast is £2.8m.

Bejam, along with most food retailers, was fragged lower by the market decline. It fell 3p to 176p.

Meyer International, the timber group strong lately on bid speculation, was another stock to buck the trend. Although lower at one time it closed 1p higher at 126p. **Hanson Trust,** just 1p lower at 250p, remains the favourite to bid.

The **C. H. Beazer** offer for **M. P. Kent** continued to influence **Bath and Portland,** where Kent has 18.1 per cent of the capital. B. and P. rose 5p to 218p while Beazer slipped 2p to 350p.

Ibstock Johnsen, another long running bid favourite, gained 8p to 283p.

Stores were dull after their sharp progress on Monday. **Great Universal Stories "A"** lost 15p to 622. **British Home Stores,** interim profits today, slipped 5p to 230p.

Another reporting today, the **Hawker Siddeley** engineering group, fell 10p to 447p.

Air Call slumped 50p to 383p on disappointment with its mere 2 per cent profits increase and **Cradley Printing** retreated 5p to 44p following its 44 per cent profits decline. **Gordon and Gotch** rose 15p to 140p on the Australian bid.

Polymark, the laundry equipment group, was again under pressure with sellers forcing the price down 2p to 7p. They have been as high as 19p this year.

Banking shares retreated with the crowd although the high street clearers managed to stage modest recoveries towards to close.

Insurance stocks also struggled back from their low points with **Commercial Union,** encouraged by the Allianz meeting with institutional shareholders later this month, bucking the trend. They opened with a 4p fall but then surged back to touch 187p.

Chubb, the security group where Racal Electronics seems poised to win control, had another uncertain session. The shares were at one time down to 264p but closed just 1p higher at 271p.

Torchmark Corporation, an American insurance and financial services group which has increased its dividend in each of the past 33 years, achieves a London share listing tomorrow. Goldman Sachs International, the sponsoring investment banking group, estimates earnings at £98m this year and £110m next. The shares are expected to open at approaching £26.

Beer shares had a flat session, but Bass, the favourite among the City's beer analysts restricted its fall to 3p at 390p and is only 5p below its best ever level.

Equity turnover on Monday was valued at £263,243 from 20,277 deals. Gilt transactions were 4,220. Total number of British and Irish stocks traded was 149.6 million.

Adwest

"We look forward to the present year with confidence"

F. V. Waller, *Chairman*

In his annual statement to shareholders Mr. F. V. Waller, Chairman of Adwest Group, reports pre-tax profits of £8.3m compared with £6.8m for the previous year – an increase of 21.5%.

A total dividend for the year of 6.7p per share is recommended compared with the equivalent of 6.07p in 1983.

The improved results are due to increased volume, continued cost reduction and loss elimination programmes. Losses were reduced at Bowden France and this company is expected to be profitable in the current year.

In property development sales of houses have been very encouraging and construction is due to commence in 1985 of a local shopping centre as well as a further 60,000 sq. ft. of industrial units.

Mr. Waller concludes his review: "We look forward to the present year with confidence although in certain industries there are signs that the improvement we have noted in the last year is slowing down. With our present strong cash position, we are free to continue our policy of investing in new businesses or acquiring established concerns. Our future planning tells us that the major capital investment in the development of the aerodrome is coming to an end, and there will be a positive cash flow from this source within the next few years."

Copies of the Annual Report, containing the Chairman's Statement in full, are available from The Secretary, Adwest Group p.l.c., Reading RG5 4SN.

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TEMPUS

New men steer UBM back to full health

UBM's announcement that it has sold its scaffolding interests served as a timely reminder that on Friday Norcros will be free to revive its bid for the building supplies group. The two events are unrelated, but the sale of the scaffolding business to British Electric Traction for £5.8m is a clear indication that if Norcros does return to the fray it will be up against a different animal to the one which defended the takeover attempt last year.

The management of UBM now seems more confident about its ability to implement a long-term strategy. Inhibitions brought on by the 36 per cent stake which Norcros still holds in UBM have been cast off. The board would now have no qualms about seeking shareholder approval for any major aquisition which it wanted to make.

The group has also produced a series of impressive results since the bid which confirm that the new management is on the way to restoring financial health. The key, however, to any new approach by Norcros is the share price which rose from 99p just before the bid to 167p yesterday. At this level it must be well above the "sensible" price which Norcros is prepared to pay to bring UBM into its fold. There is clearly an element of bid hopes in the price and Norcros would be unwise to make a move just yet.

The best strategy for Norcros is to sit tight. The absence of a bid might encourage speculative shareholders to shed their holdings, which could depress the share price.

There is also a growing belief that the building supplies industry will find trading conditions difficult in 1985, which will make UBM's task of maintaining its recent excellent run of results that much harder. If the bid is to be revived it might be better timed next summer.

This leaves Norcros with the problem of what to do with the 36 per cent in UBM it had never intended to acquire as an investment. At the moment it costs the company nothing to maintain the holding but neither does it produce a return, and the £27m tied up in UBM could be applied profitably elsewhere. Norcros is sitting on a paper capital appreciation of £7m but realizing it is a different matter.

There is unlikely to be another company which would take the entire stake particularly at 167p. Any attempt to dispose of the shares in smaller parcels would inevitably drive trhe price down and reduce Norcros's capital gain. It is difficult to see how Norcros can win, and this alone might drive the company to eventually revive the bid.

Paterson Zochonis

Paterson Zochonis continues to demonstrate that it can weather the problems caused by Nigeria's economic crisis. The company relies very heavily on trading there but was still able to report profits for the year up by more than £4m at the taxable level to £30.9m.

If anything, Nigeria has been one of the bright spots for the group. It has secured all the import licences it needs to ship in raw materials to maintain soap and detergent production and the capital investment in the Nigerian associate is now paying off. The share of profits duly increased from £6.3m to £11m.

Paterson has cleary been helped by the Nigerian government's decision to classify soap and detergents as essential commodities. The same status has not been granted to refrigerators and the group's Nigerian manufacturing subsidiary suffered accordingly.

Paterson still has problems in Greece and in Britain through the Cussons Group and its prospects for 1984-85 remain dependent on next year's round of Nigerian import licensing.

However, the share price, up 7p yesterday at 140p, fully, reflects these uncertainties. In the short term, there is little to excite but at this level there is a case for a prudent accumulation of the shares on a long-term view.

Peachey

Peachey Property Corporation looks set finally to shake off the slightly tarnished image that has clung to it since the days of the late Sir Eric Miller. Peachey intends to sell the last of its residential property portfolio over the next two years to complete the transformation from a low-yielding residential property company to one set on income growth from the keen management of a commercial portfolio.

Reinvestment is the key to Peachey's future, with profits from its residential sales going to the purchase of retail and office property or into companies with portfolios showing potential through Peachey's management abilities.

Peachey sold two tranches of residential property for more than £2m each last year and now has only 600 homes left, mostly in the south east and home counties. These will also be sold over the next two years, leaving a gap in the company's profits which it will try hard to close. Residential property now only accounts for £10m of the £121m portfolio.

The results for the year are above most brokers' predictions, with net asset value up to 304p per share from 269p. Predictions centred around the 290 figure. The property valuation carried out for the financial year saw a 10 per cent rise producing a surplus of £10m. This was an overall average, in fact the Carnaby Street properties acquired in June last year saw an increase above that level. Carnaby Street contributed £1m to the net rental income of £6.73m, a rise of 27 per cent on the year before. The company has also let its 40,000 sq ft office block, Standon House, in the City.

Peachey looks to the retail market and the potential of its Carnaby Street estate to provide rental growth in the next few years, something that will be essential once the trading from residential sales cease.

Mr K. Knowles

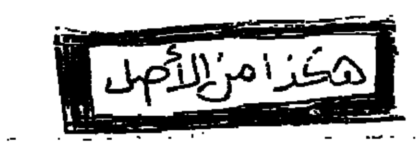
The gilts market was saddened yesterday to learn of the death of Mr Keith Knowles, 55, formerly Union Discount's gilt trading manager.

Mr. Knowles, who retired from Union on health grounds last December, was renowned throughout the gilts market for his charm and unfailing cheerfulness.

He joined Union from a small jobbing firm in 1966 and was known and trusted throughout the stockbroking community. He will be sadly missed.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1983/84 High	Low Bid	Offer Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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WALL STREET

New York (AP–Dow Jones) – Wall Street stocks were mixed in active dealings in early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up one point to 1204.

The transportation average was up nearly 4 points.

Citibank announced a cut in its prime rate to 12½ per cent. This compared with 12¾ per cent rate set by bankers trust on Monday. Many leading banks quickly followed the move.

	Oct 15	Oct 12		Oct 15	Oct 12		Oct 15	Oct 12
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]	Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Intst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Procter Gamble	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcst	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
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MONEY MARKETS

Interbank money opened on 11-10¾ per cent but had eased to 10½-10 per cent by the time the authorities had bought out the shortage with an early round of assistance to the discount market. The rate went on falling to close around 5 per cent offered.

The periods were chiefly notable for a sharp rise at the longer end as base rate hopes evaporated. This left a very flat rates structure, as the twelves ended 3/16 firmer at 10 13/16-11/16 per cent and the "ones" showed little change at 10¾-⅝ per cent.

Most of the activity in these term deposits was concentrated on maturities from one to three months. Sterling certification of deposit saw sellers of long paper at first.

The higher rates tempted a few buyers and stabilized the market later in the morning. But there was a sellers look about the market again towards the close.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10¾ Low 5

Week Fixed: 10 9/16-10¼

Treasury Bills(Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10¼	2 months 10 3/16
3 months 10	3 months 9 15/16

Prime Bank Bills(Dis%)/Trades(Dis%)

1 month 10¾-10 9/16	1 month 11
2 months 10¾-10 9/16	2 months 10⅞
3 months 10⅝-10 17/32	3 months 10¾
6 months 10 1/32-9 15/16	6 months 10 21/32

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11-10⅝	7 months 11-10⅝
2 months 11-10⅝	8 months 11-10⅝
3 months 11-10⅝	9 months 11-10⅝
4 months 11-10⅝	10 months 11-10⅝
5 months 11-10⅝	11 months 11-10⅝
6 months 11-10⅝	12 months 10⅞-10¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates(%)

1 month 10¾-10⅝	6 months 10½-10⅜
3 months 10⅝-10½	12 months 10 7/16-10⅜

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 10⅞	3 months 10½
7 days 10⅝	6 months 10½
1 month 10 9/16	1 year 10 9/16

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: open 10½-10¼. Close 5

1 week 10½-10 7/16	6 months 10¾-10 11/16
1 month 10⅝-10⅝	9 months 10 13/16-10 11/16
3 months 10⅝-10⅝	12 months 10 13/16-10 11/16

First Class Finance Houses(Mkt Rate%)
3 months 10¾ 6 months 10¾

Finance House Base Rate 11

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber, coffee, cocoa, in £ per tonne; Sugar and gas oil in $ per metric tonne.

RUBBER	
Nov	630-80
Dec	640-90
Jan	650-00
Feb	655-10
Mar	660-20
Apr	665-25
May	670-35
Jun	670-45
Jul	680-50
Jan-Mar	650-10
Apr-Jun	675-35
Jul-Sep	705-65
SUGAR	
Dec	147.00-148.00
Mar	163.00-163.20
May	169.60-170.00
Aug	178.00-179.40
Oct	186.40-187.00
Dec	194.00-196.00
Mar	208.00-210.00
Vol	Nil
COCOA	
Oct	2300-71
Dec	1888-87
Mar	1873-72
May	1878-76
July	1881-80
Sep	1882-81
Dec	1862-60
Mar	1885-26
Vol	Nil
COFFEE	
Nov	2510-2507
Jan	2349-2347
Mar	2247-2246
May	2209-2208
July	2195-2190
Sep	2185-2180
Nov	2179-2177
Vol	3912
GAS OIL	
Oct	229.00-28.25
Nov	232.75-32.50
Dec	235.75-35.50
Jan	236.75-35.50
Feb	234.25-33.50
Mar	232.50-28.00
Apr	230.00-22.00
Vol	4673

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1043.00-1044.00
Three months	1067.00-1067.50
T/O	6,100
Tone: Barely steady	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1044.00-1046.00
Three months	1064.00-1066.00
T/O	nil
Tone: Idle	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9700-9710
Three months	9660-9661
T/O	245
Tone: Steady	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9711-9712
Three months	9685-9695
T/O	65
Tone: Steady	
LEAD	
Cash	342.50-342.75
Three months	348.50-349.00
T/O	6,500
Tone: Steady	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	628.00-622.50
Three months	622.00-622.50
T/O	3,300
Tone: Steady	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	690.00-700.00
Three months	667.00-672.00
T/O	Nil
Tone: Idle	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	605.00-606.00
Three months	620.00-621.00
T/O	30
Tone: Quiet	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	605.00-606.00
Three months	620.00-621.00
T/O	Nil
Tone: Idle	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	823.00-824.00
Three months	846.00-846.50
T/O	4,800
Tone: Steady	
NICKEL	
Cash	3950-3960
Three months	4025-4028
T/O	1,074
Tone: Steady	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz

Dec	344.50-344.60
Vol	308
Tone: Quiet	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
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Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Dec'84	3	4046
Mar'85	-	-
Jun'85	-	
Comment: Unchanged.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	470	1.2038
Mar'85	200	1.2065
Jun'85	-	1.2105
D-MARK		
Dec'84	84	3289
Mar'85	-	3252
Jun'85	-	
Comment: Firm.		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	1682	6725
Mar'85		6711
Jun'85		
Comment. Stronger		
GILTS		
Dec'84	4076	10600
Mar'85		10819
Jun'85		10506
Sep'85		10809
Comment. Much weaker		
FTSE		
Dec'84	443	11235
Mar'85	1	11235
Jun'85		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 16:
GB: Cattle, 94.92p per kg lw (+1.31).
GB: Sheep, 153.42p per kg est d c w (-1.32).
GB: Pigs, 91.26p per kg lw (-0.81).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 5.4 per cent, ave price, 93.80p (+0.82)
Sheep nos. down 7.8 per cent, ave price, 154.24p (-1.61)
Pig nos. down 5.7 per cent, ave price, 90.43p (-1.01)
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 17.0 per cent, ave price, 99.19p (+2.47)
Sheep nos. down 3.9 per cent, ave price, 150.34p (-10.15).
Pig nos. up 12.8 per cent, ave price, 97.64p (-0.19)

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	145-2
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	113
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	85
Blue Arrow 25p Ord (75a)	97-1
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	208
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	230
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	86
Extract Wool 50p Ord (105a)	150
Fergebrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	101-4
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	50
Hawtal Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	219+2
Heggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	47
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	140
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	206+3
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	100
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	31
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	139-4
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	98-1
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	77
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	106+1

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● MEDMINSTER: Final for the year June 30. Pretax profit £492,475 (£397,846). Tax £235,663 (£190,741). Exceptional deferred tax credit £133,500 (Nil). Attributable to members £390,312 (£207,105). Earnings per share 12.84p (10.36p) excluding exceptional deferred tax credit or 19.52p (10.36p) including exceptional deferred tax credit. Shares unchanged at 100.

● JONES STROUD (HOLDINGS): The chairman, Mr P. L. Jones, has reported that during the half year just ended, the company's profit will be affected by the reorganization in Coventry and it might well be that the company shall fall slightly short of last year's profit. The board is, however, reasonably confident that unless there is a fall off of incoming orders they will be able to show a better year-on-year result.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Light profit-taking in the dollar enabled the point to finish off bottom levels on foreign exchange markets.

The breakdown in the pit talks predictably put sterling over the prospect of an oil price cut war if BNOC follows the lead of Norway's Statoil in cutting crude prices, sterling quickly fell to record low levels in early hectic and very nervous trading.

The pound plunged to $1.1980 before recovering at the end of trading to show a half cent fall at 1.2035, which was another record low closing level. Sterling's effective exchange index also established another all-time low position of 5.5 at the final calculation but this was a considerable improvement over a 75.3 position at 9 am.

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 16	Market rates close October 16	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1977-1.2040	$1.2030-1.2040	par-2c disc	0.11-0.15c disc
Montreal	$1.5890-1.5970	$1.5950-1.5960	0.18-0.24c disc	0.60-0.71c disc
Amsterdam	4.24-4.28fl	4.25-4.26fl	1⅛-1⅜c prem	4¼-4⅛c prem
Brussels	76.10-76.60f	76.25-76.35f	3 prem-3c disc	2 prem-7c disc
Copenhagen	13.6050-13.6400k	13.6200-13.6300k	¼-1¼ore disc	3¼-4¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7700-3.7950m	3.7750-3.7850m	1⅛-1¼pf prem	4¼-4¼pf prem
Lisbon	196.10-199.00e	197.10-198.80e	175-485c disc	500-1420c disc
Madrid	208.50-211.00p	210.50-210.70p	65-115p disc	110-165p disc
Milan	2320.00-2335.00lr	2322.00-2324.00lr	9-12lr disc	28-35lr disc
Oslo	10.82-10.87k	10.84-10.85k	2-2¾ore disc	6-7ore disc
Paris	11.5400-11.5900f	11.5650-11.5750f	par-⅝c disc	2-3c disc
Stockholm	10.57-10.61k	10.59-10.60k	1¼-2¼ore disc	6¼-7¼ore disc
Tokyo	299.00-310.00y	299.50-300.00y	1⅛-1⅛y prem	3⅝-3⅛y prem
Vienna	26.50-26.60sch	26.52-26.57sch	9¼-7¾gro prem	22¼-18¼gro prem
Zurich	3.0800-3.1050f	3.0850-3.0950f	1⅛-1⅛c prem	4¼-3¾c prem
Dublin	1.2136-1.2188p	1.2160-1.2170p	15-31p disc	56-79p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.4 at 75.5 (day's range 75.8-75.3).

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.4485-1.4515
Bahrein	0.4500-0.4540
Finland	7.7350-7.7780
Greece	152.40-154.40
Hongkong	9.4170-9.4300
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3595-0.3635
Malaysia	2.9022-2.9107
Mexico	235-260
New Zealand	2.4906-2.4980
Saudi Arabia	4.2530-4.2930
Singapore	2.6099-2.6139
South Africa	2.1329-2.1386

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9875-0.9885
Singapore	2.1695-2.1710
Malaysia	2.4150-2.4100
Australia	0.8290-0.8300
Canada	1.3267-1.3277
Sweden	8.7950-8.8050
Norway	9.0100-9.0200
Denmark	11.3150-11.3250
West Germany	3.1390-3.1400
Switzerland	2.5670-2.5685
Netherlands	3.5405-3.5420
France	9.6100-9.6175
Japan	248.90-249.00
Italy	1931-1933
Belgium(Comm)	63.40-63.45
Hong Kong	7.8285-7.8315
Portugal	165-165
Spain	175.05-175.15
Austria	22.0450-22.0650

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

Calls, 11-10½; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible].

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	1984 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	24	Personal Assets	31	..	0.5	1.8	
285	243	Raeburn	282	..	12.0	4.3	
114	98	River & Merc	113		6.4	5.7	
167	158	River Plate	165		9.3b	5.9	
183	138	Robeco	183	+3			
152½	127	Rolinco	152	+3			
224	185	Romney	221	+2	6.3	2.8	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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INTERIM STATEMENT

(UNAUDITED)

	1984 Six months to 30th June £m	1983 Six months to 30th June £m	1983 Year to 31st December £m
Group profit before interest and taxation	**45.4**	25.3	65.7
Group profit before taxation	**39.2**	21.3	56.6
Group profit after taxation	**21.6**	10.9	31.2
Earnings for Ordinary shareholders	**21.3**	10.6	30.6
Earnings per Ordinary share (adjusted for the 1 for 1 capitalisation issue in July 1984)	**17.5p**	8.5p	24.5p

Results and Prospects

The improvement reported in the second half of 1983 has continued in this period. Whilst in most recent years the results in the second half of the year have been considerably in excess of the first half, an approximately even pattern has emerged in 1984 to date.

The Plantation Division has benefited from continued good crops and favourable prices. The subsequent weakening of some produce prices in the current period has been offset by high yields.

The better profits previously reported from Chemical manufacturing and distribution units in the UK and Europe have been maintained and the outlook is promising. Margins are still a problem in North America but sales are higher.

Timber and Building Supplies marginally improved upon the good results in the first half of 1983 but the remainder of 1984 may reflect the reduction in housing starts and the generally lower levels of activity of the building industry.

The commodity sections of the General Trading Division continue to perform well but recessionary conditions still affect the Eastern companies. The outlook is similar.

Interim Dividend 4.5p per Ordinary share

Principal Activities (including Group share of related companies)	1984 Six months to 30th June £m	1983 Six months to 30th June £m	1983 Year to 31st December £m
Plantations	**20.9**	6.2	22.1
Chemicals and Industrial	**10.1**	5.7	13.9
Timber and Building Supplies	**6.2**	6.0	11.6
General Trading	**4.2**	2.6	6.8
Finance	**3.7**	4.6	9.9
Property disposals	**0.3**	0.2	1.4
Group profit before interest and taxation	**45.4**	25.3	65.7

NOTES:
1. The Group disposed of its interests in ten UK plantation and investment companies to Harrisons Malaysian Plantations Berhad. This was completed in July 1984 and provided the Group with cash of around £15 million. Also, on 30th May 1984 the company cancelled 1,439,989 Ordinary shares. The net surplus arising from these transactions will be dealt with as an extraordinary item in the full year's accounts.
2. The comparative figures for the year ended 31st December 1983 are an extract from the full accounts for that year which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion.



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6	Tace	
7	Six Hundred	
8	Valor	
9	Watson (R Kelvin)	
10	Shiloh	
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
11	Raybeck	
12	Combined English	
13	Casket (S)	
14	Empire Stores	
15	Hollas	
16	Dewhirst (IJ)	
17	Dixons	
18	Ratners (Jewellers)	
19	Debenhams	
20	Ford (Martin)	
	BUILDING AND ROADS	
21	Ibstock Johnsen	
22	Costain	
23	Baggeridge Brick	
24	Laing (J)	
25	Finlan (John)	
26	Marchwiel	
27	Higgs & Hill	
28	Lawrence (Walter)	
29	Marshalls (Halifax)	
30	Crouch (Derek)	
	BANKS DISCOUNT HP	
31	Nat Aust Bk	
32	Royl Bnk of Scot	
33	Hill Samuel	
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Equities and gilts slump

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1984 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS								
[illegible]								

MEDIUMS [illegible]

LONGS [illegible]

BREWERIES

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]							

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

[illegible]

BUILDING AND ROADS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]

CINEMAS AND TV

[illegible]

DRAPERY AND STORES

[illegible]

ELECTRICALS

[illegible]

FINANCE AND LAND

[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

FOODS

[illegible]

HOTELS AND CATERERS

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS A–D

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS E–K

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS L–R

[illegible]

INDUSTRIALS S–Z

[illegible]

INSURANCE

[illegible]

LEISURE

[illegible]

MINING

[illegible]

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

[illegible]

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]							

OIL

[illegible]

OVERSEAS TRADERS

[illegible]

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

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PROPERTY

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SHIPPING

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SHOES AND LEATHER

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ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

The miners' way of distribution

By Tim Congdon

How the pit strike has shaken Britain's indifference to big political questions

The British have never liked abstract economic or political ideas, and have tended to take their peaceful way of life for granted.

If there is anything to be said in favour of the miners' strike, it is that people have been shaken out of their indifference to large political questions and they have been made to think harder about the sources of Britain's past stability.

The dispute has also given new topicality to the old debate among economists about whether incomes are determined by power or productivity. Although the strike is *ostensibly* about the profit-and-loss position of uneconomic pits, it is in fact about the distribution of power in society.

The Government can only subsidize coal by taxing other people

Uneconomic pits can remain in production only with the aid of government subsidies. If it were to become accepted that uneconomic pits can survive indefinately, government money would have to be made available on an ever increasing scale.

But there is no such thing as "government money". The government produces and sells nothing itself: it merely levies taxes and spends them. The only way that the government can subsidize miners is by taxing other people.

But why should other people tolerate this?

If they see the miners grabbing more by sheer bloody-mindedness, what is to stop every union and every interest group being equally selfish and anti-social? If the Government rewards violence on one occasion, there is an incentive to violence in all future industrial disputes.

The result will be a society in which the organization of large and disruptive riots becomes the simplest means of acquiring wealth. The more vicious the riot and the more publicity it receives, the greater the bribe which the rest of the community will hand over for the sake of (temporary) peace and quiet.

This may sound exaggerated, but there are many countries where the sectoral distribution of income is determined by processes as perverse and despicable as these. In most of Africa, governments hold down food prices, impoverishing farmers, to prevent riots by the urban population.

Perhaps more interesting, because incomes are closer to European levels, are the many Latin American countries where access to cheap central bank credit is the recognized reward for deliberate and successful civil insubordination. The most pathetic case today is Argentina where "government money", mostly issuing from the printing presses rather than covered by tax revenues, has lost all credibility and hyperinflation is an imminent prospect.

In these circumstances the connexion between input and output, between effort and reward, is severed completely. Income distribution is determined by power or, more accurately, by the relative effectiveness of the various gangsters who call themselves prime ministers, central bank governors, police chiefs and so on.

If the Government were to concede endless subsidies to the National Coal Board's uneconomic pits, Britain would have taken the first steps towards this sort of mess. Mr Scargill makes no secret that it is his intention to achieve just such an outcome, presumably confident that after the proletarian revolution (or whatever) he would become head of the politburo and ensure that such gangsterism (relabelled "socialist planning") would be conducted on rational lines.

All this may sound far-fetched. But there is an influential strand in economic thought, essentially Marxist in origin, which claims that in every society – including advanced nations like Britain – income distribution depends on the bargaining strength of different groups and, more particularly, on the degree of union militancy.

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Set against this view is another line of argument, that wages *and* profits depend on the contribution that labour and capital make to the production process. This contribution is measured by the change in output attributable to a unit change in the amount of labour or capital employed (termed "marginal productivity").

The disagreements between the power and productivity theories of income distribution have a high political content. Marginal productivity economists are generally satisfied with the existing social order.

Private sector companies keep only profitable activities alive

Their point is that marginal productivity does identify and emphasize the connexion between input and output. They believe in supply and demand, and in most circumstances are in favour of closing down loss-making forms of production.

In a free market economy dominated by private property, loss-making production is closed down without any special government action. Private sector companies keep only profitable activities in operation.

Not surprisingly, therefore, marginal productivity theorists tend to prefer private property to state ownership. Disputes between property-owners need to be settled within a sound legal framework and so they are also defenders of the rule of law. There is an obvious link with one of Mrs Thatcher's themes in her speech to the Conservative Party conference.

Economists who criticize the marginal productivity approach do so on two grounds. Their first objection is that the theory is an inaccurate discription of the real world. Secondly, and more fundamentally, they think that the theory is used as an apology for an unfair and inequitable pattern of income distribution.

In some respects, these criticisms are difficult to resist. Many large fortunes are the result of *inheritance*, speculation and gambling. It is not clear that marginal productivity goes far to explaining the value of the Duke of Westminster's estate or is a clue to the successful pursuit of bingo.

But in the last few months the argument has been pushed too far. The rule of law, private property and the market economy are related, but it does not follow – as Mr Scargill seems to believe – that all lawyers are biased against people without property or, indeed, that they necessarily support the prevailing balance of power and influence between the Government, the NCB and the National Union of Mineworkers.

The most charitable, and probably not altogether misleading, characterization of his motives is that he thinks a different distribution of political power would lead to a more "socially just" distribution of material well-being.

But societies where political power is the main determinant of income distribution are not a good advertisement for Mr Scargill's case. The depressing lesson of so many countries in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe is that, once the rule of law is suspended, the distribution of incomes does not correspond more closely to the canons of "social justice". Instead, it becomes more arbitrary, more unfair and, quite often, more unequal.

The market economy has its problems. Perhaps market forces are impersonal and harsh, and perhaps the Duke of Westminster does not deserve to be so wealthy. But at least in a market economy most people are paid on the basis that there is a demand for what they produce and that, if they produce more, they will be paid more.

Is there any social justice in relating incomes to the aggressiveness of trade union leaders? Should an individual benefit because he belongs to the most violent, noisy and powerful trade union? And does not the unhappy experience of numerous developing countries indicate that the most violent and powerful trade union is ultimately the army?

Is there justice in relating incomes to trade union aggressiveness?

At Brighton last week, there were occasional references to great Conservative thinkers from the past. The Third Marquess of Salisbury, prime minister from 1886 to 1892 and again from 1895 to 1902, has never been a favourite in the pantheon, but this year he ought to have been.

In his famous essay on "Disintegration" published in the *Quarterly Review* of 1883, he suggested that "the broad distinction between a civilized and uncivilized community is this – that in a civilized community individuals or bodies of men who quarrel submit their difference to an arbitrator, while in a savage state they fight it out".

The remark is as relevant today as it was a hundred years ago.

The author is economics partner at stockbrokers L. Messel & Co.

APPOINTMENTS

Birkin steps up at RTZ

Rio Tinto Zinc-Corporation: **Mr J. D. Birkin**, deputy chief executive, becomes deputy chairman and chief executive from April 1, 1985.

Burmah Speciality Chemicals: **Dr Brian Ridgewell** joins the board as chief executive of its coatings division. He takes over from **Mr Toby Green** who has retired.

Canvermoor: **Mr R. G. Newberry** and **Mr K. C. Roberts** becomes non-executive directors.

Baronsmead Associates: **Mr Anthony Shoebridge** joins the board.

Feedex Agricultural Industries: **Mr John Robson** becomes managing director.

Stornö: **Mr L. A. Edwards**, chairman, takes over as managing director from **Mr Bernard Flashman** who becomes responsible to Mr Edwards for special assignments. **Mr Bjorn Lindgren** has been named technical and operations director.

Scottish Daily Record & Sunday Mail: **Mr Colin McClatchie** becomes circulation director and **Mr Gordon B. Terris** has been appointed as advertisement director.

Liberty Life Group: **Mr J. M. Middlemas** leaves the partnership of Touche Ross & Co on December 31, to take up a senior appointment with the Liberty Life Group. He becomes an executive director of Liberty Holdings.

Mono Pumps (UK): **Mr K. W. Boddington** has been appointed managing director.

Midland Bank: **Mr Alan Eastwood**, former chief inspector, Midland Bank, has been appointed regional director, East Midlands. He succeeds **Mr John Roberts**, who becomes chief executive, Northern Bank.

George Wimpey: **Mr A. M. Coane** retires as managing director Wimpey Construction United Kingdom at the end of the year. **Mr J. A. Dwyer**, a director of the company, succeeds him, and retains his responsibilities as chairman of Wimpey Asphalt.

Baker & McKenzie: **Mr Michael Caro** and **Mr Michael Smith** have been admitted to the partnership.

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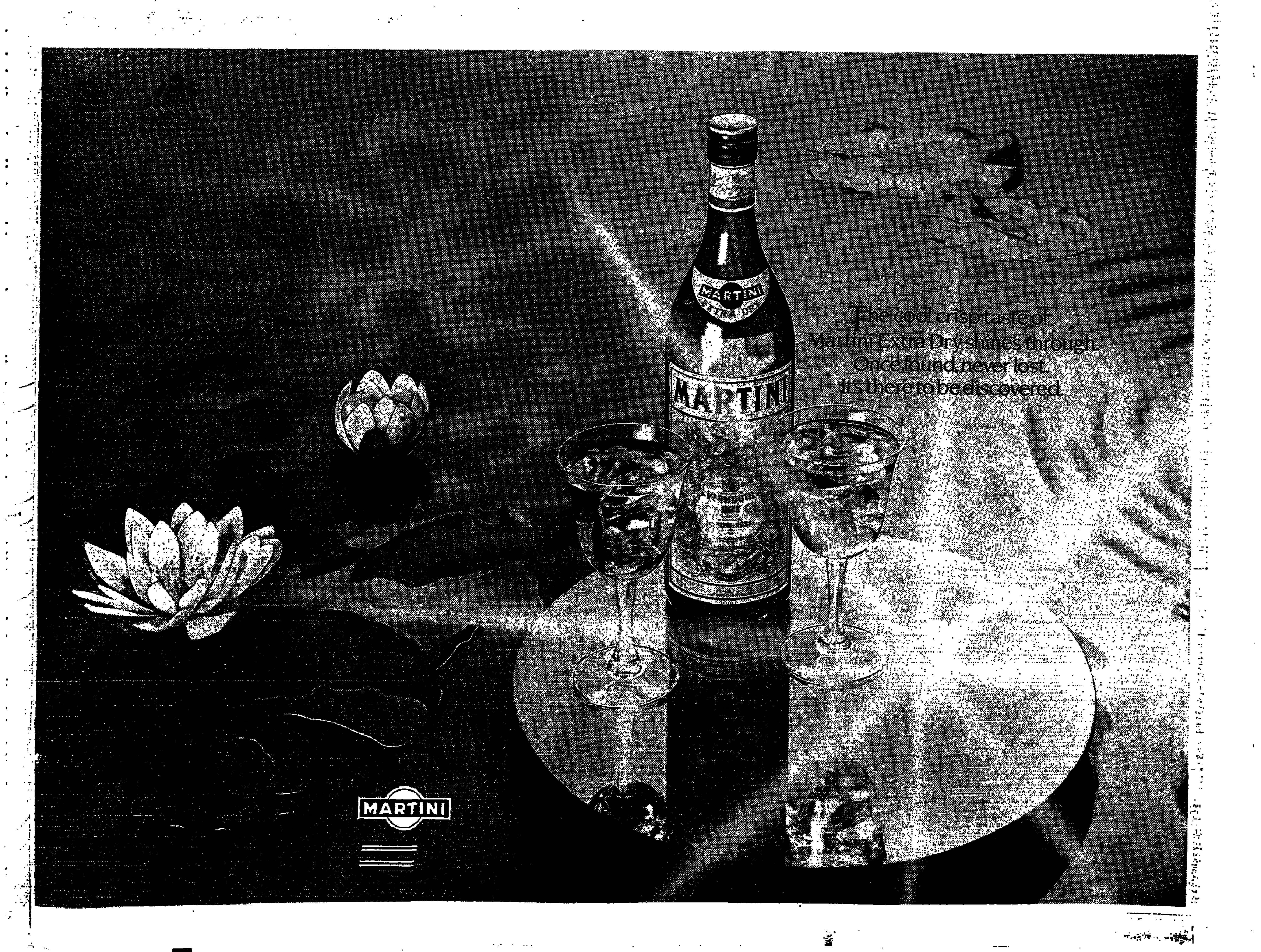
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Japanese pension funds 'to invest $100m overseas'

From Philip Robinson, New York

Japanese pension fund managers are poised to invest $100m (£83.3m) in stocks and shares outside their home market, according to a Connecticut research group specializing in international money flows.

InterSec, which has been tracking pension fund assets round the world, says that although the Japanese have expanded their manufacturing and physical presence internationally, their investment has been confined to the home market.

Mr Malcolm Mitchell, interSect vice-president, thinks that is about to change. He says: Japan portfolio managers are beginning to come up against some performance pressure." There are American companies already eyeing an unknown amount of pension fund assets and promising to get better returns using international investment. And portfolio managers are looking abroad.

Few official figures are available, but Mr Mitchell estimates that Japanese pension funds assets stand at $500 billion and could be growing rapidly to $1,000 billion).

Mr Mitchell added: "even if they are only putting 10 per cent of that abroad, it adds up to a huge pool of money."

Last year J P Morgan and Company, through its Morgan Guaranty subsidiary, agreed in principle to launch a joint venture with the Japanese finance house, Momura Secutities. An informal approach for approval was turned down by the Japanese government last May.

The Japanese ministry of finance effectively banned links between securities houses, but it said that "qualified foreign banks" may be allowed to link with Japanese banks of similar status.

The government has promised a definition by the end of this year which foreign banks may be eligible. No further statement ha yet been made.

The appetite of US banks for links with Japanese houses is huge. There are reports that agreements in principle exist between Citibank and Dawa: Chemical Bank and Yamaichi Securities and Bank of America and Nikko Securities.

InterSec estimates that in less than eight years, the amount of pension fund assets invested outside home markets, they call it cross-border trading, will top $500 billion.

US pension funds. Cross-border trading has grown sharply since 1979. Then the figure was $1.8 billion. At the end of last year it reached $11.7 billion. This year the figure has risen to $15 billion so far and looks likely to end the year at $17 or $18 billion.

Tokyo, which takes the main share of the Japanese home investment so far, also accounts for almost half the cross-border trading money.

The growth in foreign investment by US companies may be hit by the cutback many are making in their pension contributions.

A study by Johnson & Higgins, a New York-based actuary and insurance broker, published in *The Wall Street Journal* shows some companies are reducing the amounts put into their pension funds, while others are suspending payments for several years.

Media group pays £6.4m for Gordon & Gotch

By Alison Eadie

The Herald & Weekly Times, an Australian newspaper and television group, has made a £6.4m agreed bid for Gordon & Gotch Holdings, the UK computer services and publications exporting group, through HWT's UK subsidiary, Falconworld.

The offer is 140p cash per share or a loan note alternative. Before the bid was announced, Gordon & Gotch's share price was 125p, but rose to close at 140p.

Gordon & Gotch was facing strong pressure to reduce the prices of its exporting books and periodicals to its two main customers and shareholders. Gordon & Gotch Ltd of Australia, which holds 19.92 per cent of the UK company, and CNA Gallo of South Africa, which has a smaller stake, have told G&G UK they will only continue trading with the company after next April 1, if they receive improved trading terms.

The new rates for freight and packaging have not been fixed, but they will make a significant difference to G&G UK's profits and make the exporting business only marginally profitable. G&G Australia and CNA Gallo have two representatives each on the seven member board, but the four have taken no part in the board's discussion of the offer.

Both the two major shareholders and McPhersons Finance have agreed to the HWT bid. They account for 55.17 per cent of G&G UK's equality. The independent directors, who hold 0.04 per cent of G&G UK, will accept the offer.

HWT, which already owns 25.54 per cent of G&G Australia, will increase its holdings to 35.54 per cent

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **BREWMAKER:** Six months to July 31 Interim dividend 0.3p (nil). (Figures in £000). Turnover 3,580 (2,224). Pre-tax profit 226 (201). Tax 103.5 (2). Earnings per share 0.7 (1.3p).

● **WALTER LAWRENCE:** Six months to June 3. Dividend 3p (same). (Figures in £000). Turnover 55,341 (38,282). Pre-tax profit 875 (64). Earnings per share 13p (14.3p). The chairman is confident the results for the year will prove satisfactory. Shares 218 up 2.

● **FEB INTERNATIONAL:** Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 0.855p. (Figures in £000). Turnover 13,916 (12,126). Pre-tax profit 457 (405) after depreciation 249 (203) and pension fund contributions 96 (100). Tax 213 (183). Earnings per share 3.56p (3.25p). Shares unchanged at 105p.

● **HARRISONS AND CROSFIELD:** Six months to June 30. Interim 4.5p (4p on old capital). Figures in £m. Turnover 677 (507). Pretax profit 39.2 (21.3) after interest 6.2 (4). Tax 17.6 (10.4). Minorities 0.2 (0.2). Earnings per share 17.5p (8.5p – adjusted). Breakdown at divisional profits (including group share of related companies). Plantations 20.9 (6.2). Chemicals and industrial 10.1 (5.7). Timber and building supplies 6.2 (6.0). General trading 4.2 (2.6). Finance 3.7 (4.6). Property disposals 0.3 (0.2). Group profit before interest payable and tax 45.4 (25.3). Shares 423 down 7.

● **AIR CALL:** Six months to June 30. Interim 1.85p (same), payable on November 16. (Figures in £000). Turnover 14,598 (8,573). Pretax profit 653 (638). Tax 159 (327). Extraordinary debit 81 (nil). Minorities nil (debit 3). Earnings per share 9.07p (7.99p). Shares 413 down 20.

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● **CRADLEY PRINT:** Final results for the year to June 30. Dividend 11.9 per cent (10.5 per cent). (Figures in £000). Turnover 6948 (5333). Pretax profit 520 (930). Tax 172 (497). Extraordinary credit 154 (nil). Earnings per share 3.2p (4p).

● **HUNTING PETROLEUM SERVICES:** Six months to June 30. Interim 2.25p (same) payable on November 26. (Figures in £000). Turnover 115,677 (112,558). Group trading profit 1,429 (2,807) after associated companies' loss 114 (profit 334). Tax 668 (1321). Minorities 425 (481). Earnings per share basic 2.25p (6.89p) and fully diluted 2.86p (6.46p). Shares 126 down 6.

● **FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS:** No ordinary dividend (nil) for the year to June 3. (Figures in £000). Group turnover 2,912 (4,685). Pretax profit 152 (loss 156). Tax 3 (3). Extraordinary credit nil (18). Earnings per share 2.65p (loss 3.6p). Net asset value per share has increased by more than 45 per cent and the company is now on a firm basis for the future.

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Law Report October 17 1984

Minister failed to make due inquiry

Regina v Secretary of State for Transport, Ex parte Philippine Airlines Inc

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Dillon

[Reasons delivered October 16]

The Secretary of State of Transport, when exercising his powers under article 59 of the Air Navigation Order (SI 1980 No 1965) which gave him power severely to curtail the operations of an airline, had to give that airline an opportunity of answering any allegations made against them since such an opportunity was essential for the "due inquiry" required by article 59.

As no such opportunity was afforded to Philippine Airlines Inc (PAL) when the secretary of state decided that their operating permit for flights between Manila and London should be varied from three times a week to two his decision was vitiated by the absence of due inquiry.

The Court of Appeal gave their reasons for allowing, on July 26, Lord Justice Dillon dissenting, an appeal by PAL from the refusal by Mr Jusice McNeil of their application for an order quashing the secretary of state's decision permanently to vary the airline's operating permit dated June 18, 1981, and refusing a declaration that the variation was *ultra vires* the powers of the secretary of state and/or invalid.

Mr Denis Henry, QC and Mr Bruce Coles for the airline; Mr David Donaldson, QC and Mr Stephen Aitchison for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that on June 18, 1981 the secretary of state pursuant to article 80 of the Air Navigation Order 1980 granted permission to PAL to operate three services a week between Manila and London in each direction. All through 1981, 1982 and 1983 PAL only operated two services a week.

During 1982-1983 the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys carried out a survey of PAL's traffic figures. It was done by a sampling method.

As a way of finding out where PAL's passengers arriving at Gatwick had come from it might have been adequate; but as a way of finding out what was the pattern of traffic on PAL's Manila-London route it was inadequate because it did not reveal how much traffic was taken on and put down at Manila (known in the airline business as third and fourth freedom traffic) and what traffic was picked up on route from Manila without reaching London (fifth freedom traffic).

The samples did reveal that PAL were carrying a substantial number of passengers who had started their journeys in Australia, New Zealand and Hongkong. If those passengers had at Manila changed from one incoming plane to a London-bound one they would have been sixth freedom traffic; but if they had stayed in Manila for one or more nights they would have counted as third and fourth freedom traffic..

In June 1983 the International Aviation Directorate of the Department of Transport (the directorate) said the PAL's services appeared to be excessive in terms of article 6(3) of the Air Services Agreement (ASA).

That provided that passenger capacity should be related to (a) traffic requirements to and from the territory of the contracting party which had designated the airline; (b) traffic requirements of the areas through which the airline passed, after taking account of other transport services established by airlines of the states comprising the area; and (c) the requirements of through airline operations.

The directorate did not seem to have appreciated before spring 1984 that the sampling figures were incapable of showing whether PAL's services conformed with article 6(3).

In autumn 1983 PAL decided to increase their Manila-London services to three a week for summer 1984.

In December 1983 the directorate learned of PAL's plan. In January 1984 the directorate alleged to the Philippine Civil Aeronautic Board (P-CAB) that PAL had been operating in violation of article 6(3) of the ASA and condition 4(h) of their permit.

What was disturbing the directorate was sixth-freedom traffic originating in Australia. Figures were produced which seemed to have resulted from the sampling procedure. It was said that HM Government could not grant PAL permission to operate a third service.

The P-CAB did not accept the complaints made against PAL.

By letter of January 31, the directorate gave notice that PAL's existing operating permit would be revoked from March 2, 1984 and a revised permit for two services a week would be issued. The reason was that PAL were operating in contravention of the ASA.

At the end of February PAL's solicitors asked the secretary of state to withdraw the revocation of PAL's permit. The directorate, still relying on the sampling figures and convinced of the soundness of their complaints, advised the secretary of state to vary provisionally PAL's existing permit to confine them to two services a week. A decision letter to that effect was sent to PAL's London office.

PAL applied for judicial review. Mr Justice McNeill who heard the application on April 13, 1984 adjudged (*The Times* April 24) that the secretary of state's provisional variation of PAL's permit should be quashed on the ground that he had failed to recognize as fundamental the question whether or not the ASA imposed any obligations on PAL under UK domestic law for the purposes of the 1980 Order and, in failing to recognize the question, failed to consider it.

In his Lordship's judgment the provisional variation could have been quashed on another ground, namely, that in relying on imperfect figures which were inaccurate and unreliable the secretary of state had taken into account facts which ought not to have been taken into account.

On May 11, 1984 the secretary of state made another provisional variation in the same terms as the one which had been quashed. In his decision letter he set out the material he had taken into account which seemed still to have included the inaccurate and unreliable figures

PAL applied for judicial review of that decision which Mr Justice McNeill refused on June 1 PAL appealed to the Court of Appeal.

When the appeal was called on July 23 the court was informed that the secretary of state had decided permanently to vary PAL's permit to two services a week but had desisted from doing so out of courtesy to the court. He invited the court to deliver an advisory judgment, but the court declined.

After a short adjournment the court was informed that the secretary of state had made the permanent variation, that PAL had unsuccessfully applied to Mr Justice McNeill for judicial review, that with the consent of both parties the judge had waived all time requirements and that the appeal against the permanent variation could be heard forthwith. The court decided to hear the appeal.

In his decision letter dated July 23 the secretary of state said that he had completed his inquiry into and consideration of the question whether he should permanently vary PAL's operating permit. He had had before him the relevant correspondence, the documents relating to the consultations held under the ASA and those in the court proceedings.

He had formed the view that the pattern of traffic on the London – Manila service operated by PAL involved the carriage of a substantial quantity of traffic not truly originating from or destined for Manila and that the quantity of traffic originating from or destined for Manila did not justify any additional capacity beyond the two frequencies PAL had operated.

In reaching that view he had fully considered the statistical material and the representations made thereon in the court proceedings. Further it was his view that the pattern of traffic on PAL's service was not in conformity with that envisaged in article 6(3) of the ASA.

PAL appealed on three grounds: first, that the secretary of state had failed to comply with article 59(1) of the 1980 Order in that he had permanently varied the permit without making "due inquiry"; second, that on the evidence available no secretary of state could reasonably have found that there were sufficient grounds for variation; and third, even if the secretary of state had been entitled to make the variation, he had acted unfairly in failing to give PAL a reasonable time in which to make arrangements for winding up the service they had planned.

While Mr Henry was making his submissions, Mr Donaldson learned that in the course of the discussions referred it in the decision letter PAL had produced what seemed to be full and accurate traffic figures together with figures showing the kind of fares paid by passengers passing through Manila from or to Australia.

Those new figures showed that all the time PAL had been running the Manila-London service, more than half the traffic had originated from or had been destined for the Philippines and a substantial proportion, between one fifth and one third, had been taken up by passengers from the areas through which PAL's services had passed but without reaching London.

About three-quarters of PAL's traffic, in his Lordship's judgment, was clearly in conformity with what was envisaged in article 6(3).

The revised and detailed figures produced by PAL showed for the first time what was the proportion of transit traffic as a whole, where it had originated and how much of it was made up by passengers paying promotional fares and to whom PAL had unrestricted access.

The secretary of state thought it was too large a proportion. Maybe he was justified in being of that opinion; but in basing his decision on that ground, he was looking at the issue from a different standpoint from that which he had taken up when making his provisional variations. He did not tell PAL what he had in mind and gave them no opportunity of commenting on the traffic pattern which the revised figures revealed.

Mr Henry submitted that he made his decision without due inquiry as required by article 59(1) of the 1980 Order.

What was "due inquiry"? The inquiry might take many forms depending on the nature of the case; but whatever form it took it had to be fair. Article 59(1) gave the secretary of state power severely to curtail the operations of an airline.

He had to have sufficient grounds for exercising his powers. He could not know if he had sufficient grounds if he did not give the airline into whose activities he was inquiring an opportunity of answering any allegations. That opportunity of answering was essential for a due inquiry under article 59(1).

Such an opportunity was not afforded to PAL when the secretary of state decided that their permit should be varied because in his opinion the traffic on the London-Manila route involved the carriage of a substantial quantity of traffic not truly originating from or destined for Manila.

It was particularly important that PAL should have been given an opportunity of commenting on the secretary of state's new approach since his first one had been misconceived. His omission was likely to create a suspicion that he was finding new reasons for supporting an earlier decision which had been based on faulty grounds.

In his Lordship's judgment the absence of "due inquiry" before making the permanent variations vitiated the decision of July 23, 1984.

Lord Justice Griffiths delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Lawton.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, dissenting, said that the permanent variation of PAL's operating permit effected by the secretary of state could, under article 59(1) of the 1980 Order only be made by the secretary of state "after due inquiry" and "on sufficient ground being shown to (his) satisfaction"

It had been suggested that the secretary of state had not made "due inquiry". His Lordship was unable to accept that.

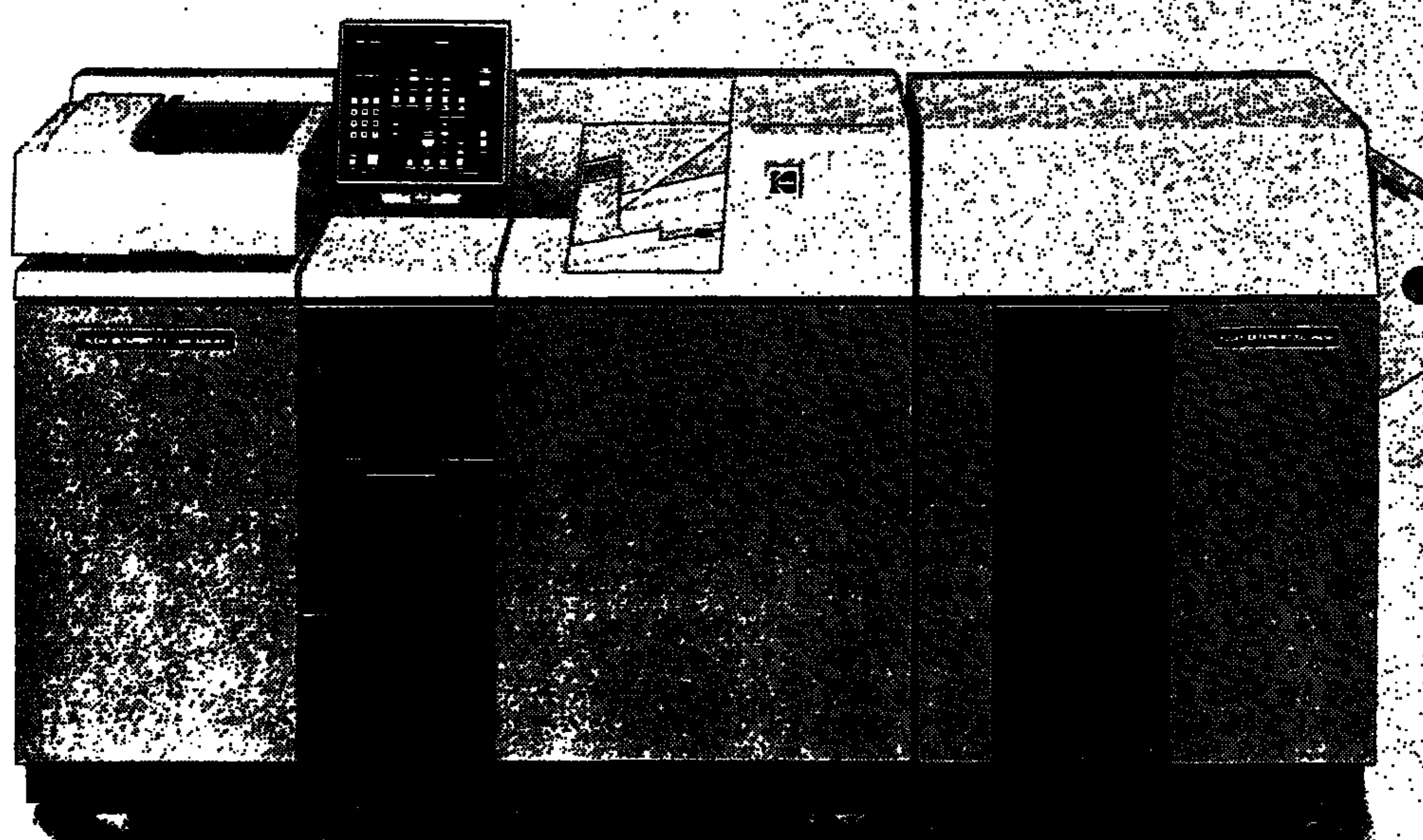
It became clear during the hearing that the secretary of state had obtained from PAL detailed figures of the extent of the sixth freedom traffic carried by PAL (in either direction) between Manila and each of the intermediate stops on the Manila-London route. That was the one gap in the picture which was now complete.

His Lordship could not think that there was any further inquiry which the secretary of state ought to have made, or any further fact which ought to have been elicited.

He would dismiss the appeal.

Solicitors: Slaughter & May; Treasury Solicitor.

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FOOTBALL: BRITISH SIDES FACE WORLD CUP GAMES IN CONTRASTING MOODS

Familiar Finns demand respect

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Finland have become accustomed to standing at England's gateway to the World Cup. They do so tonight, in the group three qualifying tie at Wembley, for the fifth time within the last two decades.

In 1966, they completed the preparatory designs of Sir Alf Ramsey, whose side won 3-0 in Finland in a friendly and then came home to win the trophy. In 1976, they first ushered Don Revie's team towards Argentina by going down 4-1 in June and then four months later, ominously almost eight years ago to the day, prevented them from reaching their intended destination by losing only 2-1 at Wembley. Goal difference in the end was to lie in favour of Italy.

In 1982, they refined the plans of Ron Greenwood, whose representatives triumphed 4-1 in Helsinki before setting off for Spain. Now the nation that has yet to claim a victory or even a draw against England is to face Bobby Robson's chosen men as they take their first step towards the next finals, in Mexico in 1986.

That prospect once held the attention of the country, but the size of the attendance this evening will illustrate the decline in interest. Eight years ago, the match against the same opponents in the same competition attracted a capacity midweek crowd of 92,000. It is estimated that the figure will be cut in half.

The weight of English expectations has fallen almost as dramatically. Whereas the Finns were once regarded as part-time players of meagre quality, they now represent a potentially awkward barrier, as Northern Ireland discovered in the group's opening fixture at the end of May, when they beaten 1-0 in Pori. As Robson himself pointed out, there can be no room for complacency.

There were no surprises when the England manager unveiled his line-up yesterday. Once Shilton, Bryan Robson and Woodcock had overcome their various injury problems, and Wilkins and Hateley had recivered from their recent exploits in Italy, he announced a formation showing only one chance, enforced by the absence of Mariner, from the one that beat East Germany at Wembley last month.

Heateley, the odd man in, goes by the soubriquet of Attila in his adopted homeland, and he has been hailed as some giant, all-conquering warrior here as well. It is as unfair to load such a burden on the shoulders of the inexperienced youngster as it is unrealistic in view of his brief record.

Hateley was both inspired and an inspiration in the Maracana stadium against Brazil at the start of the South American tour last June. He began the evening as a centre forward from the second division and, after a memorable display of delicacy on the ground and irresistible strength in the air, he ended it effectively as a £1m player.

Yet if the subsequent games in Montevideo and, particularly, San Diego, had been televised live as well, his rise to prominence would not have been so remarkably rapid. Those are the only three full games that he has completed so far and, although Robson rightly describes him as "dangerous, exciting and intimidating", he adds the significant adjective, "promising".

Hateley should fulfil some of that promise tonight, particularly as the Finnish goalkeeper's handling of crosses is so unsure that if he took up cricket, he might find himself fielding at third man. But England's foundation is built, as it has been for the last half a dozen internationals, on Wilkins and Bryan Robson, particularly the latter.

After they had spent 80 minutes prompting England's stuttering attack last month, they and Sansom (the only survivors from the last match against Finland) broke forward to cause the belated downfall of East Germany. It might require a similarly unexpected intrusion tonight to achieve the same result.

The Finnish manager, Martti Kuusela, admits that he learnt a painful lesson during his first match in charge, curiously enough against England, two years ago. His defence was then naive and open. It is not so now. In the recent European Championship qualifying matches they drew 1-1 in Poland and suffered only one heavy defeat, 5-0 away, to the eventual qualifiers, from Portugal.

In Kymaelaeinen, they have an ageing but effective central defender who can close, if not lock, the back door. Their main weakness, as Brooking found out to his delight in Helsinki, remains the side entrance, but it has so far proved optimistic to hope that Barnes will find his way in there regularly.

In Valvee, Finland have a forward of note. In 19 appearances he has scored six goals, including the winner against the Irish, and Robson says: "He would not be out of place in any national side."

Tonight's teams

	Age	Caps
P Shilton (Southampton)	35	64
M Duxbury (Manchester United)	25	9
M Wright (Southampton)	21	2
T Butcher (Ipswich Town)	25	25
K Sansom (Arsenal)	26	45
S Williams (Southampton)	25	4
R Wilkins (AC Milan)	28	63
B Robson (Manchester United)	27	37
J Barnes (Watford)	21	13
A Woodcock (Arsenal)	28	38
M Hateley (AC Milan)	22	5

SUBSTITUTES: G Bailey (Manchester United), G Stevens (Tottenham Hotspur), G Rix (Arsenal), P Withe (Aston Villa), M Chamberlain (Stoke City).

FINLAND: O Huttunen (Haka); E Pekonen (Kuusysi), P Kymaelaeinen (TPS Turun), A Lahtinen (Notts County), E Petaejae (TPS Turun), K Haaskivi (Cleveland), L Houtsonen (Kups), K Ukkonen (Cercle Bruges), J Rautiainen (Cenyerta), P Rautiainen (Arminia Bielefeld). Substitutes: M Palmroos (HJK Helsinki); J Europaeus (Gefle), H Turunen (Kups), K Virtanen (AIK Helsinki), A Hjelm (Ilves).

Referee: A Suchanek (Poland)

Group three fixtures

England
Finland
N Ireland
Romania
Turkey

1984
May 27: Finland 1 N Ireland 0
Sept 12: N Ireland 3 Romania 2
Oct 17: England v Finland
Oct 31: Turkey v Finland
Nov 14: N Ireland v Finland
Turkey v England

1985
Feb 27: N Ireland v England
Apr 3: Romania v Turkey
May 1: N Ireland v Turkey
Romania v England
May 22: Finland v England
June 6: Finland v Romania
Aug 28: Romania v Finland
Sept 11: Turkey v N Ireland
England v Romania
Sept 25: Finland v Turkey
Oct 16: Romania v N Ireland
England v Turkey
Nov 13: England v N Ireland
Nov 14: Turkey v Romania
(Winners only go through to finals)

England's tracksuit generals, Don Howe and Bobby Robson (Photographs: Ian Stewart).

Wales to bank on Seville defence

By Clive White

The Principality is in a sorry state. The cumulative blows of losing the British championship, Ian Rush and the opening World Cup qualifying match with Iceland have left them with their spirits low. Mike England, who feels his own job as full-time manager threatened by improverished finances as much as improverished performances, cannot hide the desperation that grips him beneath a calm exterior. "The pressure is coming in from all around," he said yesterday.

The question is whether these anxieties have filtered through to the players. And it would be no bad thing if they had, in a more gentle way. A performance of passion is Wales's *only* hope for a result against Spain today, and England admitted as much. There is no weapon in the armoury to threaten the European championship runners-up

"I'm looking for a performance from the heart, heart. There's nothing more dangerous than a Welshman with his back to the wall," he said, rather unconvincingly. There has been little evidence of those famous fighting qualities recently. Indeed, there last triumph was that startling but emphatic 1-0 win over England at Wrexham.

That performance, coinciding with the emergence of Hughes, Southall and Ratcliffe, perhaps prompted a false optimism. We tend to expect too much from the likes of Wales. Blame that on Northern Ireland's outrageous deeds on the name of the little people. All one can say is that at their strongest, Wales are a lively force.

For the match in Real Betis's stadium, England has made four changes, only one a mild surprise. Phillips, who joined Manchester City this season, has been preferred to Manchester United's Alan Davies because of Davies's lack of first-team match fitness.

Charles, Curtis and Nicholas also return and there is a positional readjustment with Jackett moving to left back. Nicholas, one of several Welsh captains discarded by England in recent years, is just the type to stoke the embers

The nationalistic fervour surrounding Spain's unexpected if uninspiring, success in last summer's European championship has been overtaken by the material demands of the players' strike.

Wales's best hope must lie in containment. Perhaps that is not such a tall order against a side who at their best in the summer averaged only 0.8 goals a game.

WALES: N Southall (Everton); N Slatter (Bristol Rovers), J Charles (Queen's Park Rangers), K Ratcliffe (Everton), K Jackett (Watford), D Phillips (Manchester City), R James (Stoke City), P Nicholas (Crystal Palace), M Thomas (Chelsea), A Curtis (Southampton), M Hughes (Manchester United).

Group seven fixtures

Iceland
Scotland
Spain
Wales

1984
Sept 12: Iceland 1, Wales 0
Oct 17: Spain v Wales
Scotland v Iceland
Nov 14: Scotland v Spain
Wales v Iceland

1985
Feb 27: Spain v Scotland
Mar 27: Scotland v Wales
Apr 30: Wales v Spain
May 28: Iceland v Scotland
June 12: Iceland v Spain
Sept 10: Wales v Scotland
Sept 25: Spain v Iceland
(Winners go through to finals; runners-up play home and away against winners of Oceania-Israel group for one place in finals)

Scots scent trail to greatness

By Hugh Taylor

Scotland embark on their World Cup qualifying campaign tonight in highly confident mood. A crowd of at least 60,000 is expected at Hampden Park for their opening group seven match with Iceland, optimistic that at last Jock Stein, the manager, has at his command a side which will not only ensure entry to the finals for the fourth successive time, but which has the flair to go far in Mexico.

The most partisan supporters in the world are expecting another vintage performance, even more polished and sophisticated than the display which saw Scotland dispose of Yugoslavia 6-1 in the warm-up game.

Not surprisingly, Stein sticks mainly to the side which brought new hope against the flabbergasted Yugoslavs, who had believed Scotland were a spent force but found instead opponents who appeared as confident as were the West Germans and the Dutch when they introduced the concept of total football.

There is only one change from the side which began the game against Yugoslavia. Paul McStay – "some day soon he must break through the barrier to greatness", the manager says – replaces the industrious, goal-hungry Wark

Meanwhile, Dalglish, who wins his ninety-fifth cap despite being dropped by Liverpool recently, needs one goal to equal Denis Law's Scottish record of 30.

The selection of McStay shows that the manager believes World Cup glory can be obtained only by a return to traditional, elegant Scottish football, even in these days of dreary drill and fierce commitment.

There is no doubting his confidence that he has the best squad of all the British countries.

Stein, however, reverts to cautionary mood when he reflects on tonight's opponents, no doubt recalling Their victory over Wales in the group's opening match when he says: Iceland are no duds."

Few have suffered greater disappointment than Scotland's supporters. They have, however, never lost the faith that one day their tartan dream will come true. At last there must be genuine optimism that Jock Stein has a side with the talent to become one of the great footballing teams.

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen), S Nicol (Liverpool) A Albiston (Manchester United), G Souness (Sampdoria, captain), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), K Dalglish (Liverpool) P McStay (Celtic), M Johnston (Celtic), J Bett (Lokeren), D Cooper (Rangers).
Referee: E Mulder (Netherlands).

Zoff to appear before cup bribes inquiry

Rome (AP) – A prosecutor has summoned Enzo Bearzot, the Italian team coach, and Dino Zoff, the retired captain, in an investigation into allegations that Italy won the 1982 World Cup with the help of bribery, an Italian news agency reported here. It said the deputy prosecutor, Francesco Nitto Palma, had asked the two to appear for questioning tomorrow

A spokesman for the Italian Soccer Federation said he could not confirm of deny the report. The prosecutor opened the inquiry on Monday by questioning the two Italian journalists who alleged in the weekly magazine *Epoca* and the Rome daily newspaper *La Repubblica* that players from Cameroun were bribed by an Italian representative before a crucial first-round match against Italy

Smiling Irish and on-song Norway

Oslo (Reuter) – The Republic of Ireland look set to welcome back Frank Stapleton, who missed last month's 1–0 win over the Soviet Union, for tonight's World Cup qualifying match here. Eoin Hand, the Irish manager, received a further boost when Liam Brady flew in fit and well from Italy, killing rumours that he had been injured in Internazionale's weekend match against Torino.

Even a full-strength Irish side must guard against complacency after Norway's impressive 1–1 home draw against the Soviet Union last week in the European group six. "After a bad run of injuries we are now getting our strongest team together and I believe that was shown in our performance against the Soviets", Norway's manager, Tor Roste Fossen, said.

Fossen relies heavily for experience and skill on his "exiles" such as Hallvar Thoresen, the captain, who scored the only goal against the Soviet Union and two more for PSV Eindhoven at the weekend. Soler, of Hamburg, is a powerful factor in midfield while Arne Larsen Okland, of Racing Paris, could cause problems for the Irish defence.

Interest in the game has been boosted by the Republic's performance against the Soviet Union. Walsh scored the all-important goal that night but he will probably have to give way tonight to Stapleton, who will link up with Robinson.

NORWAY: E Thorstvedt (Viking); S Fjaelberg (Viking), T Kojedal (Hamkam), Hareide (Molde), P Mordt (Vaalerengen), E Soler (Hamburger Sportverein), E Ahlsen (Fredrikstad), K Herlovsen (Borussia Mönchengladbach), A L Okland (Racing Paris), P Jacobsen (Vaalerengen), H Thoresen (PSV Eindhoven).

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: J McDonagh (Birmingham); J Devine (Norwich), D O'Leary (Arsenal), M Lawrenson (Liverpool), C Hughton (Tottenham), A Grealish (West Bromwich), R Whelan (Liverpool), L Brady (Internazionale), M Robinson (Liverpool), F Stapleton (Manchester United), A Galvin (Tottenham).

Group six fixtures

Denmark
Norway
Republic of Ireland
Soviet Union
Switzerland)

1984	
Sept 12:	*Rep of Ireland 1*
	Soviet Union 0
	Norway 0 Switzerland 1
Sept 26:	*Denmark 1 Norway 0*
Oct 10:	*Norway 1 Soviet Union 1*
Oct 17:	*Switzerland v Denmark*
	Norway v Rep of Ireland
Nov 14:	Denmark v Rep of Ireland
1985	
Apr 17:	Switzerland v Soviet Union
May 1:	Rep of Ireland v Norway
May 2:	Soviet Union v Switzerland
June 2:	Rep of Ireland v Switzerland
June 5:	Denmark v Soviet Union
Sept 11:	Switzerland v Rep of Ireland
Sept 25:	Soviet Union v Denmark
Oct 9:	Denmark v Switzerland
Oct 16:	Norway v Denmark
	Soviet Union v Rep of Ireland
Oct 30:	Soviet Union v Norway
Nov 13:	Switzerland v Norway
	Rep of Ireland v Denmark

(Winners only go through to finals)

Weakened Belgium in the dark

Brussels (Reuter) – Belgium step into the unknown when they open their 1986 World Cup campaign against Albania here today. The Albanians are an unknown quantity at this level, and that, coupled with Guy Thys' selection worries, could pose problems for the Belgians.

Injuries and suspensions have wreaked havoc with the manager's squad and with Poland as their main Group One rivals, Belgium cannot afford to slip up on home soil, even though Albania's international record makes dismal reading. They have won only one of the 16 internationals they have played since 1980, but they did give West Germany a scare in the European Championship while their under-21 side was a revelation in their equivalent competition. Five of that under-21 squad have gained promotion to the seniors.

Although Belgium will be without Pfaff, Clysters, Ceulemans and Vanderbergh, all out with injury, they are able to recall the veteran defender, Renquin, to play alongside de Vriese, the only uncapped player in the team. As usual Anderlecht, will provide the backbone of the side with six representatives.

Poland start clear favourites against Greece in their opening qualifying match in Zabrze.

The poles beat Finland and Turkey comfortably in warm-up matches, without Boniek, who is expected to return. They have a good record against the Greeks with five victories and two defeats in seven matches. Green have had a bleak year with a string of six consecutive defeats including two by East Germany.

The Netherlands, who failed to qualify for the Europen Championship finals on goal difference, are relying on youth in their opening World Cup game against Hungary in Rotterdam. The Dutch manager, Kees Rijvers, who has picked six players aged 23 or under, is pinning his hopes on forwards, Kieft, of the Italian club, Pisa, and van Basten, of Ajax, who form a new combination up front.

They will be joined by van der Gijp, who scored twice in the Dutch team's superb 6-0 victory against Denmark last March. Gullit, the key midfield player has recovered from a pulled leg muscle and is fit to play

Hungary's team is expected to contain five of the squad which went to Spain for the 1982 World Cup, including the master midfield tactician, Nyilasi, Nagy who scored the first goal in the 3-1 win against Austria last month, and Esterhazy, the country's top scorer last season with 20 goals, could pose some problems for Dutch goalkeeper van Breukelen.

West Germany's brave new World Cup style

Cologne, West Germany (Reuter) – Franz Beckenbauer, the West German team manager, has selected a side without full backs to play Sweden in his country's first 1986 World Cup qualifying game here today.

Beckenbauer, appointed in July to revive West Germany's flagging fortunes, needs victory if his team are to reach Mexico from what is probably Europe's toughest group. After his first game in charge ended in a 3-1 defeat by Argentina, West Germany's worst home result in 27 years, Beckenbauer has clearly decided he must gamble.

He has switched to a formation with two centre-backs, a new sweeper in Mathias Herget, and a five-man midfield. Herget, like the man he replaces, Hans-Gühter Bruns, was tried and discarded by Jupp Derwall, emphasizing the problem of finding a player to follow in the footsteps of Beckenbauer himself.

Sweden, who have two points form a win over Malta but who lost at home to group favourites Portugal, also need to take something from their visit to the Muengersdorfer stadium.

Lars Arnesson the Manager, plans to recall the goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli and two Italian exiles, Glenn Stromberg and Dan Corneliusson. Stromberg will have a fitness test on a leg injury

Beckenbauer who believes Portugal will win the group while West Germany, Sweden and Czechoslovakia contest the second qualifying place, also welcomes back two Italian exiles in Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Hans-Peter Briegel.

West Germany have never lost a World Cup qualifying game, but the omens are not good. The only team ever to escape from West Germany with a qualifying point were Sweden, almost exactly 20 years ago.

WEST GERMANY: H Schumacher; D Jakobs, M Herget, K Foerster; A Brehme, L Matthaeus, R Falkenmayer, F Magath, H P Briegel; R Voeller, K H Rummenigge.

SWEDEN: G Hysen, S Fredriksson; U Eriksson, T Holmgren, G Stromberg, H Borg; D Cornelilusson, M Gren.

The two nations who cannot afford to lose

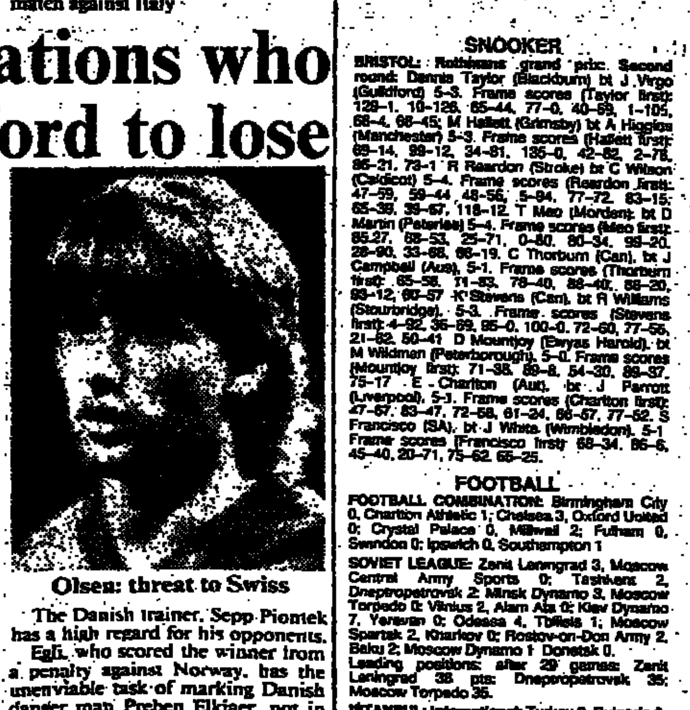
Berne (Reuter) – Denmark, who have risen from the ranks to become a major soccer power, face a stiff examination against the unpredicrable Switzerland side in their World Cup group six qualifying tie here today.

The two nations have made wining starts – both recording 1-0 wins over Norway – but with Ireland and the Soviet Union in the same group, neither side can afford to drop points.

The Swiss coach, Paul Wolfisberg resigned after the win in Oslo last month, citing health reasons and lack of support from officials and press after a series of earlier defeats, but following a storm of protests and a statement of support from the national team he agreed to stay on for this match.

The Swiss narrowly failed to qualify for the 1982 finals in Spain when they were beaten by England and Hungary in their group, and Wolfisberg is eager to avoid a similar disappointment this time, but with his star foward Sulser sidelined through injury, Wolfisberg is well aware his makeshift attack lacks goal power

"Denmark have a wealth of experienced players, with 12 exiles playing for seven European clubs. They are unpredictable, and their counter-attacks are especially dangerous," Wolfisberg said. He will stick to his tried and trusted Grasshopper defensive formation of Wehrli, In-Albon, and Schaellibaum, alongside their former team colleague Egli now with Borussia Dortmund.



Olsen: threat to Swiss

The Danish trainer, Sepp Piontek has a high regard for his opponents.

Egli, who scored the winner from a penalty against Norway, has the unenviable task of marking Danish danger man Preben Elkjaer, not in Italy with Verona. With European championship midfield players, Lerby and Arnesen recovering from injury, Pontiek has added Friman of Anderlecht and Rasmussen of Aarhus to his 16-man squad, which does of course include Olsen.

SWITZERLAND (from): K Engel, M Brunner, R Wehrli, A Egli, C In-Albon, M Schaellibaum, B Rietmann, U Barberis, G Bregy, H Hermann, M Koller, R Ponte, M Braschler, J-P Brigger, B Sulser, H Zwicker

DENMARK (from): O Qvist, T Rasmussen, M Olsen, S Busk, I Nielsen, K Christofte, J Sivebaek, J J Bertelsen, J Molby, J Lauridsen, P Friman, K Berggreen, P Elkjaer, J Olsen, M Laudrup, K Brylle.

TENNIS

Golden oldie: Manuel Santana shows his touch at the net (Photograph: Tommy Hindley).

Laver and Miss Charles explore their potential

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Rod Laver and Lesley Charles got lucky when drawn to play together in the "pro-am" segment of the mixed doubles tournament, sponsored by Sunbeam International, at the David Lloyd Club, Heston. Miss Charles, a former Wightman Cup player, still plays a lot of tennis and is currently re-living the best of her yesterdays, and Laver is, as they say, pretty useful.

Laver, in fact, is probably the best player most of us have ever seen. "Everybody asks me who I'd like to play with," Miss Charles said yesterday. "To start with, I said Roger Taylor, because he's a bit of a dish. Then I said, well, really, Rod Laver, because he's a legend and it would be great to play with him.

"He was, too. Super. He has a chat between points and always encourages you, and he curses himself when he misses a volley he thinks he should have got. He doesn't like to lose a point."

Laver and Miss Charles took a total of only two hours and 43 minutes to win four matches at a cost of nine games. Yesterday, they beat Fred Stolle and Caroline Petchey, then Mark Cox and Jean Reynolds. It was a pity there was nobody else to beat: Laver and Miss Charles were still exploring their potential.

Mrs Reynolds has played for Warwickshire since 1965, since when she had had two children and become chairman of the Women's Squash Rackets Association. In a semi-final, she and Cox beat Evonne Cawley and John Marnoch, who has played for Essex since 1969, and now coaches at the Connaught club. Marnoch was interesting on the subject of this delightfully successful new event.

"It was terrific," he said. "I thoroughly enjoyed it. The professionals were very polite, and as professional as they could be. I've got no complaints about the effort they put in. They were all trying. The difference between the pro and the county player is the unforced errors. I've gor a pretty food serve but I always had to play a volley. There was never a cheap point.

"Roy Emerson was telling me yesterday what he had to do to get to the top. He used to play or train for five or six hours a day. That's something no substitute for hard work."

Doubles tend to be better entertainment than singles, and mixed doubles are the most fun. The cast assembled at Heston was an additional guarantee of success, because yesterday's champions were – and are – better company than today's.

Cox reached the nub of it when he suggested that the likes of Laver, Emerson, Taylor, Stolle, and Manuel Santana went on the circuit because they wanted to play tennis, whereas a high proportion of today's players went on the circuit to make money. The emphasis had changed.

It has indeed. We need this Heston tournament to remind us that work should be fun, especially when the work involves playing a game.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: R Laver (Aus) and Mrs L Charles (GB) bt F Stolle (Aus) and Miss C Petchey (GB) 6-1, 6-0; M Cox (GB) and Miss J Reynolds (GB) bt Mrs R Cawley (Aus) and J Marnoch (GB), 6-2, 7-5. Final: Laver and Miss Charles bt Cox and Miss Reynolds, 6-1, 6-2.

The Davis Cup final between Sweden and the United States has been brought forward two weeks to December 16-18 after objections by the Americans. Sweden wanted to stage the tie in Gothenburg from December 28 to 30 to enable their players to practice on clay after the Australian Open, but the American players John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors objected to playing during the Christmas holiday.

Ironically Connors may miss the tie because his wife is expecting a second child between December 3 and 17.

Miss Durie beaten

Stuttgart (Reuter) – Jo Durie, the number five seed, was beaten in the first round of the 150,000 dollar Stuttgart women's tennis tournament yesterday by a qualifier, Jo Anne Russell, of America, who won 6-4, 6-2.

CRICKET

Gavaskar leads in his 100th Test

Lahore, (Reuter) - Sunil Gavaskar adds another honour to his already glittering career by leading India in his 100th Test when they play Pakistan in the first match of their three-Test series here today

The diminutive batsman, who began his career in West Indies in 1971, becomes the fourth player after Colin Cowdrey and Geoff Boycott, of England, Clive Lloyd, of the West Indies to join this exclusive club.

"I'll feel an emotional involvement when I play as it also marks by comeback as captain," he said at Gaddafi stadium, where the Indians had a long workout.

Gavaskar, aged 35, led the 1982-83 team to Pakistan. They lost the series 3-0 and Gavaskar lost the captaincy to the all-rounder Kapil Dev, who has now come here as a vice-captain.

"I just hope that everything goes well for India in this match and *obviously I intend to get some* runs," said Gavaskar, who holds the world record for most centuries in Test cricket (30) and is also the highest run-maker, with more than 8,000 runs.

Pakinstan, who hold a 6-4 advantage from the 33 Tests played between the two countries, will be without their main strike bowler, Imran Khan, who still has the stress fracture of the left shin that has kept him out of competitive cricket for the past 12 months.



Gavaskar: Regains captaincy

Controversy surrounds the inclusion of the leg-spin bowler Abdul Qadir in the Pakistan side. He was omitted from the squad of 18 for practice this morning, but appears to be in top condition. Pakistan had a further setback with the fast bowler Tahir Naqqash, out due to a ruptured back muscle.

Pakistan have omitted Qadir in an apparent move to discipline him for not attending the team's training camp. Instead, the injured all-rounder, Wasim Raja, was included, even though he had not attended training camp either.

PAKISTAN: Mudassar Nazar, Mohsin Khan, Qasim Umar, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas, Saleem Malik, Wasim Raja, Ashraf Ali, Tauseef Ahmad, Jalaluddin, Azeem Hafeez, Ramees Raja.

IN BRIEF

White goes out to Francisco

Jimmy White, the seventh seed, followed Alex Higgins out of the Rothmans snooker grand prix in Bristol yesterday. White slumped to a 5-1 defeat by Silvino Francisco, of South Africa, who goes through to Saturday's televised third round when the tournament restarts in Reading. Francisco, a semi-finalist in the recent Jameson whiskey international, maintained his form with a display that left White bemused and angry

White was upset by a refereeing decision in the sixth frame when the 22-year-old Londoner, needing a snooker on the green, was adjudged to have touched the cue ball with the tip of his cue while preparing for his shot.

BOWLS: Two British champions, Mike Dunlop and Jean Valls, suffered first-round defeats in the Granada TV Superbowl championship in Manchester yesterday. Miss Valls, the British women's outdoor titleholder, was beaten by Karn Galvin 7-5, 7-4, and Dunlop, the British singles champion, went out 7-6, 7-3 to Noel Burrows, who became the first grown green player to reach the second round.

TENNIS: Jimmy Arias, Eliot Teltscher, Vitas Gerulaitis and Paul Annacone will compete in the South African Open tournament next month, the South African Tennis Union said yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Rothmans grand prix: Second round: Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) bt J Virgo (Guildford) 5-3. Frame scores (Taylor first): 129–1, 10–126, 65–44, 77–0, 40–59, 1–105, 68–4, 66–45; M Hallett (Grimsby) bt A Higgins (Manchester) 5-3. Frame scores (Hallett first): 69–14, 99–12, 34–81, 135–0, 42–82, 2–78, 86–21, 73–1. R Reardon (Stoke) bt C Wilson (Caldicot) 5–4. Frame scores (Reardon first): 47–59, 59–44, 48–56, 5–94, 77–72, 83–15, 65–39, 39–67, 118–12. T Meo (Morden) bt D Martin (Peterlee) 5–4. Frame scores (Meo first): 85-27, 69–53, 25–71, 0–80, 80–34, 99–20, 28–90, 33–68, 66–19. C Thorburn (Can), bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-1. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 65–58, 71–53, 78–40, 88–40, 58–20, 93–12, 60–57. K Stevens (Can), bt R Williams (Stourbridge), 5-3. Frame scores (Stevens first): 4–92, 36–89, 95–0, 100–0, 72–60, 77–56, 21–82, 50–41. D Mountjoy (Ewyas Harold), bt M Wildman (Peterborough), 5–0. Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 71–38, 89–8, 54–30, 89–37, 75–17. E Charlton (Aus), bt J Parrott (Liverpool), 5-1. Frame scores (Charlton first): 47–67, 83–47, 72–58, 61–24, 66–57, 77–52. S Francisco (SA), bt J White (Wimbledon), 5-1. Frame scores (Francisco first): 68–34, 86–6, 45–40, 20–71, 75–62, 65–25.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham City 0, Charlton Athletic 1; Chelsea 3, Oxford United 0; Crystal Palace 0, Millwall 2; Fulham 0, Swindon 0; Ipswich 0, Southampton 1

SOVIET LEAGUE: Zenit Leningrad 3, Moscow Central Army Sports 0; Tashkent 2, Dnepropetrovsk 2; Minsk Dynamo 3, Moscow Torpedo 0; Vilnius 2, Alam Ata 0; Kiev Dynamo 7, Yerevan 0; Odessa 4, Tbilisi 1; Moscow Spartak 2, Kharkov 0; Rostov-on-Don Army 2, Baku 2; Moscow Dynamo 1 Donetsk 0. Leading positions: after 29 games: Zenit Leningrad 38 pts: Dnepropetrovsk 35; Moscow Torpedo 35.

ISTANBUL: International: Turkey 0, Bulgaria 0.

CRACOW: European Under 21 Championship: Poland 5, Greece 1

ASIAN CUP: Group 3: South Korea 0, Malaysia 0.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Denver Broncos 17 Green Bay Packers 14.

BOWLS

MANCHESTER: Granada TV Superbowl Indoor Championship: First round: R Sutherland (Livingstone) bt M Robinson (Newbury) 7-5, 7-3; D Gourlay (Prestwick) bt H Barlow (Manchester), 7-2, 7-1; N Burrows (Manchester) bt M Dunlop (Belfast) 7-6, 7-3; J Bell (Wigan) bt B Duncan (Preston) 7-5, 3-7 7-3; K Gahan (Warrington) bt J Valls (Richmond) 7-6, 7-4.

BASEBALL

HAVANA: World Amateur Championships: Japan 7 Netherlands Antilles 1 Dominican Republic 1 South Korea 0; Venezuela 6, Italy 0; Puerto Rico 5, Cuba 4; United States 7, Panama 1 Netherlands 3, Taiwan 2.

TENNIS

STUTTGART: Women's grand prix: First round: T Phelps (US) bt V Ruzici (Rom) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, C Lindquist (Swe) bt P Keppeler (WG) 6-8, 6-4; K Jordan (US) bt P Huber (Aut) 6-0, 6-2; S Graf (WG) bt A Temesvari (Hung) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; Y Vermaak (SA), bt T Holladay (US), 6-2, 6-1; J A Russell (US), bt J Durie (GB), 6-4, 6-2; A Moulton (US), bt M Mesker (Neth), 6-3, 6-1.

COLOGNE: Men's grand prix: J Gunnarson (Swe) bt H-D Beutel (WG) 7-6, 6-4; S Glickstein (Isr) bt C Motta (Br) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Ostoja (Yug) bt J Carlsson (Swe) 6-7, 6-2; M Mecir (Czech) Bt G Ocleppo (It) 6-7, 6-0, 7-6; E Jelen (WG) bt E Edwards (SA) 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Westphal (WG) bt M Doyle (Ire) 6-2, 6-3; C Van Rensburg (SA), bt J Brown (US), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; S Mayer (US), bt S Simonsson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; M Purcell (US), bt J Windahl (Swe), 7-6, 6-3.

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Singles: 1, J McEnroe (US), 3,118 pts (10 tournaments played); 2, J Connors (US), 2,393 (12); 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,194 (11); 4, A Gomez (Ec), 1,730 (15); 5, M Wilander (Swe), 1,548 (11); 6, H Sundstrom (Swe), 1,173 (19); 7, J Nystrom (Swe), 1,069 (20); 8, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,055 (15); 9, T Smid (Cz), 984 (21); 10, A Krickstein (US), 951 (16).

WTA STANDINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US), 2,700 pts (16 tournaments played); 2, C Lloyd (US), 2,100 (16); 3, H Mandlikova (Cz), 1,185 (19); 4, M Maleeva (Bul), 1,150 (18); 5, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 975 (16); 6, C Bassett (Can), 960 (22); 7, Z Garrison (US), 960 (22); 8, L Bonder (US), 810 (19); 9, S Hanika (WG), 780 (16); 10, K Jordan (US), 756 (14).

TOKYO: Grand Prix: First round (US unless stated): J Connors bt T Moor, 6-2, 6-4; R Green bt S Shiraishi (Jap), 6-2, 6-4; Z Kuharszky (Hun), bt D Gitlin, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; V Amritraj (India) bt L Shiras, 6-3, 6-0; M Anger bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; B Testerman bt F Gonzales (P Rico), 6-1 3-6, 7-5; M Dickson bt T Gullikson, 6-4, 6-1, A Gomez (EC), bt G Holmes 7-6, 6-2; E Korita bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-4, 7-5; W Scanlon bt B Gilbert, 6-4, 6-1; M Wilander (Swe), bt J Sadri, 7-6, 6-4. Tom Gullikson (US) bt T Fukui (Jap), 7-6, 6-1

GOLF

US TOUR EARNINGS (US unless stated): 1, T Watson, $476,260; 2, M O'Meara, $457,473; 3, A Bean, $418,935; 4, D Watson (SA), $405,976; 5, T Kite, $348,640; 6, B Lietzke, $342,183; 7, F Couples, $334,573; 8, C Stadler, $324,241; 9, G Norman (Aus), $310,230; 10, P Jacobsen, $295,025. GB placings: 35, N Faldo, $166,845; 80, P Oosterhuis, $72,832.

US WOMEN'S TOUR: Leading money winners (US unless stated): 1, B King, $263,816; 2, P Sheehan, $251,855; 3, A Okamoto (Jap), $229,796; 4, A Alcott, $217,860; 5, P Bradley, $216,835; 6, J Inkster, $186,268; 7, N Lopez, $183,756; 8, JA Carner, $144,900; 9, K Whitworth, $144,728; 10, D White, $124,359.

SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Enfield: 1, St George's School, Harpenden 251; 2, St Ignatius College, Enfield 255; 3, Richard Hale School, Hertford 258. Best individual score: S Ostroff (American School of London) and S Everett (Richard Hale School), 76. Lancaster: 1, Queen Elizabeth GS, Blackburn 242; 2, Arnold School, Blackpool 243; 3, Ermysted GS, Skipton 246. Best individual score: K Russell (Kirbie Kendal School) 75.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolverhampton 43, Halifax 35; Reading 40, Cradley Heath 38; Wolverhampton 37 Oxford 41

CYCLING

WEST BERLIN: Six-day race: leading positions (after fifth night): 1, D Clark/Schuetz (Aus/WG) 521 pts, 2, J Schlaphoff/Doyle (WG/GB), 2 laps behind; 3, H Rinklin/J Kristen (WG) 3.

Super Prestige Pernod Trophy: 1 S Kelly (Ire), 450 pts; 2, B Hinault (Fr), 305; 3, P Anderson (Aus), 197; 4, L Fignon (Fr), 190; 5, F Moser (It), 135; 6, S Roche (Ire), 135; 7, G Lemond (US), 125; 8, E Vanderaerden (Bel), 119; 9, C Criquielion (Bel), 114; 10, J-L Vanderbroucke (Bel), 105; 11, K Andersen (Den), 100; 12, P Millar (GB), 75.

HANDBALL

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Lutterworth Foxes 4, Stafford Olympics 18; M K Eagles 9, Wakefield 21; Warwick Jaguars 9, SU Wolverhampton Poly 13.

SHOOTING

ASH: Wilkinson Sword Trophy (Inter-Services small-bore rifle championship) 1, Maj P Martin TA 1,978pts; 2, Maj A R Harvey TA, 1,960; 3, Sgt C Headley, RAF 1,956. Gilbert Cannon Trophy (Inter-Services teams): 1, TA, 10,849; 2, RAF 10,829; 3, RN 10,824; 4, Army 10,813

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 6, Detroit Red Wings 4; Boston Bruins 4, Hartford Whalers 2; Minnesota North Stars 3, New York Rangers 1; Edmonton Oilers 9, Quebec Nordiques 2; Winnipeg Jets 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Washington Capitals 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Calgary Flames 7, Vancouver Canucks 5; St Louis Blues 5, Los Angeles Kings 2; Montreal Canadiens 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2.

BOOK REVIEWS

Hammers go on bubbling over

The West Ham Story, as told by John Moynihan (Arthur Barker, £6.95), is a story of a club united both by name and by the affectionate loyalty of their East London community.

Springing from a Thameside ancestry – the amateur Thameside Ironworks FC – the effective founding father was an Old Harrovian, Arnold Hills, owner of a successful waterside shipbuilding company. It was this Victorian capitalist's enthusiasm, in the wake of nineteenth-century muscular Christianity, that set the ball rolling among his workmen in 1895. A Corinthian amateur at heart, he soon found a spacious home in 1897 for his fledgling amateurs at the Memorial Recreation Ground in the East End.

That proved an eventual parting of the ways. The ambitious original Thameside and Ironworks FC began to harbour ideas of professionalism which struck at the heart of Hills's amateurism. So a split was widened. The amateur element stayed on at the Memorial Ground while the opposition departed in 1904 to find their own future.

With the loss of Hills's private financial support, West Ham United Company Ltd came into existence on



Brooking: gentleman

July 5, 1900, with a capital of £2,000 raised with an issue of 10-shilling shares. By 1919 the new club had stepped out of the Southern League to be elected to the second division of the Football League, having acquired a new playing pitch at the Boleyn Ground, a name derived from a nearby house called Boleyn Castle, built in 1544 and connected with Anne. West Ham's home has come to be known as Upton Park, but that in fact is the name of the district. Strictly speaking, it still remains the Boleyn Ground.

All this is recounted with a warmth and affection by a man who has trod a well-worn path to this East End temple for the past two decades. *I'm forever Blowing Bubbles* was top of the pops in the 1920s and was adopted by the Hammers' loyal fans when the club played their historic part in Wembley's first Cup Final of 1923, a season which also saw the club win promotion to the first division.

Three times since 1964 has the song soared to its second line – "pretty bubbles in the air" – as West Ham brought back the FA Cup to the East End with victories over Preston North End, Fulham and Arsenal.

There was the memorable night, too, when a Wembley crowd of 100,000 saw them capture the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965 against Munich 1860. It was a night when the Olympic Way was lined at the finish by thousands of cheering East Enders waving farewell to the German supporters as they departed in their coaches. The East End that night was aglow, not from German bombs, but with bonfires and dancing in the streets until dawn's early light.





Byrne: talented

A cavalcade of distinguished players have passed through Upton Park's portals – men such Bobby Moore, Hurst and Peters a triumvirate in England's World Cup-winning side of 1966; earlier, George Hilsdon, whom they allowed to slip through their fingers to Chelsea; the stylish goal-scoring Syd Puddefoot, whose daughter Sue edited the women's page of this journal in the reign of Sir William Haley; Hufton, the goalkeeper; the dangerous Vic Watson at centre forward; the fluent Jimmy Russell at outside left; 20 years ago the talented forward, Johnny Byrne; in the last decade Billy Bonds, the captain; and that most graceful of forwards, just retired, "Gentleman" Trevor Brooking.

In recent years opponents have enjoyed facing West Ham with their reputation for open football; but now a steel has been added to their game. The Hammers have also gained the title of "Academy", with many of their players turning to management on retirement – men like Frank O'Farrell, Noel Cantwell, the notorious Malcolm Allison, John Bond, Ken Browne, Moore, Hurst, Ted Fenton, John Lyall and others.

The Kearns family, four of whom sit on the board of directors, and the club's distinction of only having five managers since the turn of the century – Sid King, Charlie Paynter, Fenton, Ron Greenwood (the only one not to have worn the claret-and-blue shirt) and the reigning John Lyall – together underline the sense of loyalty and continuity that pervades West Ham United.

Geoffrey Green

Three Sunderland players have been suspended after being sent off in a friendly match in Sweden two weeks ago. Venison, the England Under-21 defender, and the teenager, Lemon, miss the game against Luton on October 27. Walker, dismissed for violent conduct, received a two-match ban.

RACING: CONTROVERSIAL DECISION BY NEWMARKET STEWARDS IS REVERSED AT PORTMAN SQUARE

Cole's switch can pay off with promising Si Signor

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

There is an end of the season look about today's only Flat programme at Haydock Park, with three races confined to staying two-year-olds who have not won and another to sprinters who have not won a race worth £2,000 since last year.

The Walnut Stakes, the consolation prize in question, should be at the mercy of Defecting Dancer, who was runner-up in Newbury's 2,000 Guineas trial, the Greenham Stakes in the spring. While his three subsequent efforts have not been nearly so good, his most recent, again at Newbury, still pointed to him being able enough to win this afternoon.

Those who fancy Heraldiste to run well in the Dewhurst Stakes on Friday and Presidium to do likewise in the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury next week will certainly be looking for an emphatic performance from Defecting Dancer, who was their "schoolmaster" during an enlightening gallop at Newmarket last Wednesday.

Si Signor (2.0), Orarion (4.30) and Rostherne (5.0) are my selections to win the various divisions of the Whitebeam Maiden Stakes. After that encouraging initial performance at Leicester, where he finished third behind the more experienced Carillon and Roark, Si Signor is napped to open his account with a victory in the first division.

Paul Cole, his trainer, was considering running this colt by Habitat out of that good mare Odeon in the Chesterton Stakes at Newmarket on Thursday, but he came down in favour of today's race, which looks easier. Si Signor should win at the expense of Bazook, Commanding General and Guy Harwood's representative, Sterne, who was far from disgraced first time out when unplaced behind Northern River at Newbury.

Orarion and Rostherne, my selections for the other two divisions, finished third and fifth, respectively, behind Final Step at Redcar recently, not beaten far. Faced by Alegreman, Almushmmir, Baroncourt and Biras Creek, Orarion certainly has the harder task.

No matter how he gets on aboard Almushmmir, Willie Carson can still leave the course a happy man having won the Oak Handicap for the Queen on Rough Stones.

Carson was involved in an unfortunate incident at York last week when he was barracked by a section of the crowd for losing on the same horse after a problem in the starting stalls which caused him to give his rivals about a furlong start. Before that Rough Stones had finished third in the Autumn Cup at Newbury and he is best judged in this instance on that form.

Finally, Padre Pio looks a sound choice to win the Hawthorn Handicap now that he has shown a glimmer of his best form at long last. In the first half of the season he was successful at Beverley and Redcar before running well behind Hilton Brown at Ascot.

Course specialists

HAYDOCK

TRAINERS: W Hern 21 wins from 67 runners, 31.3%, P Cole 12 from 63, 19.0%, J Dunlop 15 from 82, 18.3%.
JOCKEYS: W Carson 43 winners from 188 rides, 22.9%, B Raymond 29 from 138, 21.0%, Pat Eddery 20 from 100, 20%.

Jockey Club quash Sunera verdict

The controversial decision by the Newmarket stewards to allow Frankie Durr's Sunera to keep a race after appearing to hamper the runner-up was overruled at a Jockey Club inquiry yesterday. Connexions of the second horse, Storm Warning, had appealed against the stewards' decision, which followed the Bloodstock and General Nursery on October 4.

The incident occurred before the last furlong of the race when Sunera, under strong driving from Bruce Raymond, hung badly to the left, appearing to interfere with Storm Warning. Steve Cauthen's mount dropped back to seventh place, but got going again and finished well to take second place, two lengths behind the winner.

Cauthen objected for "taking my ground", but the local stewards allowed the result to stand. At yesterday's enquiry, which lasted two hours, the disciplinary committee heard evidence from Storm Warning's trainer, Willie Hastings-Bass, and Cauthen, both of whom were legally represented; Auchen Wates, a steward of the meeting; the stewards' secretary, Bruce Raymond and George Ennor, a journalist.

After watching a video recording of the race, they found that Sunera had interfered with Storm Warning, but were satisfied that it was accidental. They placed Storm Warning first and Sunera second.

Cauthen said: "That's the first winner I've had in London. I was surprised not to get the race at Newmarket, but at an inquiry everything happens very quickly. Having seen everything on the bigger screen today, and after taking much more time, they could see we were right."

Hastings-Bass added: "The result of the group three Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, when Storm Warning was beaten less than a length into fourth place, suggested that the Newmarket result was wrong.

Storm Warning's owner, Klaus Fischer, now collects the £5,835 first prize money.

At an earlier hearing, the committee fined Elie Lambert, a Belgian bloodstock agent, £250 for buying a horse out of a seller while on the forfeit list.

Same again for Grand National

John Hughes, Aintree's clerk of the course, has confirmed that conditions for next year's Grand National will remain unaltered. This means that any horse of six years of age and upwards – which has won a chase in any recognized country, or been placed first, second third or fourth in the Maryland Hunt Cup before January 13, 1983 and since July 1, 1982 – will be eligible for the four and a half mile race on Saturday, March 30.

National entries close on January 16, and the weights will be published on January 30.

Tolomeo at National Stud for one season

Tolomeo, winner of the 1983 Budweiser Million in Chicago, will stand next season at the National Stud in Newmarket before leaving for Australia. The four-year-old, trained by Luca Cumani, has been one of the most consistent horses in top-class events over the past two years, although the Chicago race was his only important success.

Two of his best efforts were his second to Lomond in last season's 2,000 Guineas and his third to Teenoso in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes this July. He makes what is likely to be his farewell racecourse appearance in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

Tolomeo was bought in a multi-million dollar deal masterminded by Percy Sykes, a Syney-based vet, in August and will eventually take



Luca Cumani, trainer of Tolomeo

up stallion duties in New South Wales. He will stand for the 1985 covering season at a fee of £20,000 and will be restricted to 30 mares.

The deal is a timely boost for the National Stud, who sold the Derby winner, Grundy, to Japan last year, then lost the champion sprinter, Moorestyle, with a ruptured stomach last month.

Reid is injured in fall

John Reid was doubled up in pain after a crashing fall at Folkestone yesterday and is likely to be out of action for a few days. Reid, twelfth in the jockey's table with 55 winners, was hurled to the ground when Fair Eleanor stumbled and fell right in among the pack one and a half furlongs from home in the Ashford Maiden Fillies' Stakes. To compound Reid's agony, the filly then gave him a painful kick in the groin.

Reid was stretchered off the course and, after being given a painkiller at the track's medical centre, was taken to the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford. As Fair Eleanor staggered to her feet, she knocked over Brian Jago's mount

HAYDOCK PARK

GOING: good
Draw: low numbers best
TOTE: double 3.0, 4.0; treble 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £2,564: 1m 40yd) (16 runners)

2 00 ANOTHER MIRACLE J Spearing 9-0 M Wood 13
3 234 BAZOOK P Walwyn 9-0 J Mercer 7
5 CAREER BAY D H Jones 9-0 – 8
7 04 COMMANDING GENERAL M Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond 11
11 000 HARDKNOCKIN J Fitzgerald 9-0 S Perks 4
12 0000 HOBOURNES J Wilson 9-0 Paul Eddery 1
13 00 JANAAB J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 9
18 00 ROBSIM J Berry 9-0 K Darley 6
20 3 SI SIGNOR P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 12
21 0 SMITHY'S CHOICE S Mellor 9-0 M Wigham 15
23 0 STERNE G Harwood 9-0 G Starkey 16
24 0 TANGIER STAR P Kelleway 9-0 Gay Kelleway 5 14
25 0 THATCHIT S Norton 9-0 J Lowe 10
29 00 LITTLE SLOOP D Nicholson 8-11 A Murray 2
33 00 PETTY SESSION G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G Duffield 3
36 00 WUGBY R J Baker 8-11 T Rogers 5
1983: Lauries Panther 9-0 B Rouse (2-1) D Elsworth 6 ran.

9-4 Signor, 3 Sterne, 4 Bazook, 11-2 Tangier Star, 8 Commanding General, 12 Janaab, 16 others.

FORM: BAZOOK (9-0) 7l 4th to Exchange Control (8-11) at Lingfield (7f 140yds, £822, soft, Oct 6). COMMANDING GENERAL (9-0) 5¾l 4th to Christian Schad at York (6f, £3,628, good, Oct 10, 10 ran). JANAAB (9-0) 7th of 20 to Otabari (9-0) at Lingfield (7f 140yds, £822, soft, Oct 6). SI SIGNOR (9-0) 3½l 3rd of 19 to Carillon (9-0) at Leicester (7f, £2,197, good to firm, Sept 25). STERNE (8-11) 9th of 14 to Northern River 8-11, at Newbury (6f, £4,082, good to soft, Sept 21). TANGIER STAR (9-0) 10½l 8th of 16 to Hollow Ring (9-0) at Newmarket (6f, £4,500, good to soft, Oct 6).
Selection: SI SIGNOR.

Haydock Park selections

By Mandarin

2.00 SI SIGNOR (Nap). 2.30 Dolly's Pet. 3.00 Padre Pio. 3.30 Defecting Dancer. 4.00 Rough Stones. 4.30 Orarion. 5.00 Rotherne.

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2.00 Commanding General. 2.30 Dolly's Pet. 3.00 Salala. 3.30 Defecting Dancer. 4.00 Baroncourt. 5.00 Capistrano Prince.

By Michael Seely

2.00 SI SIGNOR (Nap) 3.00 Yangste-Kiang.

2.30 MAPLE SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,599: 7f 40yd) (16)

5 0000 OCTILLION R Fisher 9-7 M Birch 11
10 0000 BEAUGESTIC C James 9-2 Pat Eddery 5
12 0000 ALFS COMET R Hobson 9-2 T Williams 3 6
13 0000 TURFFONTAIN W Guest 9-2 A Bond 14
14 0400 CODED LOVE K Stone 9-1 C Dwyer 7
15 0000 HELENE DARLING (B) Hbt Jones 9-0 T Ives 12
18 0400 BALLYRUFF D H Jones 8-13 J Mercer 8
19 0343 MAUNDY GIFT B McMahon 8-13 W Carson 16
22 0000 CAVERSHAM M Blanshard 8-12 N Adams 9
24 0030 GOLDEN DISC M Camacho 8-11 N Connorton 13
25 0001 DOLLY'S PET G Blum 8-11 (7 ex) M L Thomas 15
26 0000 JAZZ TRAIN W Musson 8-10 R Sidebottom 1
29 0000 COMTEC PRINCESS K Stone 8-8 G Brown 7 2
31 0002 BARCHAM PRINCE W Hastings-Bass 8-7 R Lines 5 10
32 4030 SHAF (B) (BF) S Norton 8-6 J Lowe 4
34 0000 RALLUME M Lambert 8-6 D Oldham 3
1983: Viva Lucia 8-13 M Wood (12-1) T Fairhurst 16 ran.

3 Barcham Prince, 5 Maundy Gift, 6 Shaf, Golden Disc, 8 Dolly's Pet 10 Ballyruff, Coded Love, 14 Jazz Train, 20 others.

FORM: HELENE DARLING (7-7) weakened 2f out when 10l 8th of 11 to Aguada Beach in Catterick nursery (7f, £4,779, good, Sept 22). MAUNDY GIFT (9-1) 2½l 3rd with Shaf (8-8) 3l away 4th and COMTEC PRINCE (8-11) 9th of 12 to Panido at Haydock (6f, £1,918, firm, Sept 7). DOLLYS PET (8-11) beat Navana (9-5) a head at Wolverhampton (7f, £1,025, good to soft, Oct 8, 17 ran). BARCHAM PRINCE (8-11) ½l 2nd of 19 to Maestro Principle (8-11) at Nottingham (6f, £1,160, good, Oct 2).
Selection: MAUNDY GIFT.

3.0 HAWTHORN HANDICAP (£3,283: 6f) (19)

5 1000 MANIMSTAR (D) P Makin 4-9-7 S Cauthen 15
8 0010 STERN (C,D) Mrs G Reveley 8-9-1 R Cochrane 14
9 3000 MY SON MY SON (C,D) K Brassey 3-9-0 G Duffield 19
10 2003 PADRE PIO (D) D Arbuthnot 3-9-0 M Hills 17
12 4410 VANISHING TRICK (D) J Etherington 3-8-13 T Ives 16
13 0000 LOCH PEARL (D,B) M H Easterby 4-8-12 M Birch 8
17 0013 SALALA (BF) B Hanbury 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 1
20 0-204 TOWER OF STRENGTH J Winter 5-8-9 P Hamblett 7
21 3342 PLAYTEX (D) (BF) T Barron 4-8-8 W Carson 18
22 2000 HOLLOWAY WONDER B McMahon 4-8-7 W Ryan 3 2
23 0200 TREE FELLA (C,D) C Crossley 7-8-6 B Raymond 5
24 0-03 WHISTLEDOWNWIND M Usher 3-8-6 A McGlone 6
25 0-400 BOLD FORT (D) R J Holder 5-8-6 –
26 3200 RUSSIAN WINTER (C,D,B) A W Jones 9-8-5 C Dwyer 12
29 1002 YANGTSE-KIANG (D,B) J M Bradley 4-8-3 R Fox 13
32 0000 BOARDMANS DELIGHT S Norton 3-7-12 J Lowe 9
34 2000 PINE HAWK D H Jones 3-7-9 T Williams 3 4
37 0000 WHISTLE HILL J Perrett 4-7-7 R Street 11
40 2030- ORP BALTIC E Alston 5-7-7 A Proud 3
1983: Legal Sound 4-8-8 J Seagrave (5-1 fav) J Etherington 17 ran.

11-4 Yangtse-Kiang, 7-2 Padre Pio, 5 Playtex, 13-2 Tower Of Strength, 8 Russian Winter, 10 Stern, Manimstar, 14 others.

FORM: MANIMSTAR (9-7) 4½l 8th from a poor draw to Tender Trader (8-4) at Lingfield (6f), earlier (9-7) beat Manchesterskytrain (7-7) at Bath with YANGSTE-KIANG (8-1) fast-finishing 1l away 5th (5 5f, £2,704, good, Jun 4, 15 ran). Last time out YANGSTE-KIANG (7 7) 1½ l runner-up to Deputy Head (8-7) at Ascot (5f, £9,385, good to soft, Oct 13, 22 ran). PADRE PIO (7 12) 1½ l 3rd to Far Too Young (9-3) at Newmarket with VANISHING TRICK (7-11) 4l away 12th (6f, £5,548, good, Oct 3, 20 ran). PLAYTEX (9-3) 2nd to Virgin Isle (9-1) at Wolverhampton with BOLD FORT (9-1) 3½ l away 5th (7f, £2,086, good to soft, Oct 9, 16 ran). HOLLOWAY WONDER 5l 10th to Polly's Brother (9-7) at Haydock (6f, £9.87, good, Oct 6, 21 ran).
Selection: MANIMSTAR.

3.30 WALNUT STAKES (£2,173: 5f) (10)

3 2403 DEFECTING DANCER (D) (BF) H Cecil 3-8-9 Paul Eddery 1
5 121-0 TRACK DEAL (B) B Hanbury 3-8-9 B Raymond 5
6 4034 FAIR TEST (D) I Balding 3-8-6 Pat Eddery 2
7 0000 GENTLE GYPSY (D) J Winter 3-8-6 W Carson 9
10 000-0 STRATH OF ORCHY J Berry 5-8-6 K Darley 6
11 0-040 SWEET SMILE (D) S Matthews 4-8-6 – 7
12 0300 BROMWICH BOY (B) L Barratt 4-8-4 P Bloomfield 3 10
13 0 BUILDER MAN E Alston 3-8-4 M Wigham 4
14 0-00 PHAE CHAIN B McMahon 3-8-1 W Ryan 3 8
15 0000 UPLANDS MAYBLOSSOM S Matthews 3-8-1 – 2
1983: Celtic Bird 3-8-4 A Weiss (20-1) A Balding 10 ran.

4-7 Defecting Dancer 7-2 Fair Test, 8 Gentle Gypsy, 12 Track Deal 20 Sweet Smile, 33 others.

FORM: DEFECTING DANCER (9-2) 8l 3rd to Susa Steel (8-9) at Newbury (5f £3132 good, Sept 21 8 ran). TRACK DEAL, refused to race on only start this year last season (7-11) beat Old Dominion (9-1) 5th at Milan (8f £4919 good, Nov 13, 10 ran). FAIR TEST, (9-7) 2½l 4th to Green Ruby (8-8) at Salisbury (5f, £3148, good to firm, Aug 15, 7 ran).
Selection: DEFECTING DANCER.

4.0 OAK HANDICAP (£3,179: 2m 28yd) (8)

1 1410 FITZPATRICK P Walwyn 5-10-0 J Mercer 6
2 0034 ROUGH STONES (B) (BF) W Hern 3-8-12 W Carson 4
3 0000 DARK PROPOSAL B Hanbury 6-8-11 Pat Eddery 3
4 3310 POWERSAVER LAD (B) M Jarvis 4-8-11 B Raymond 8
5 0010 TREE MALLOW (C,D) M Lambert 6-8-4 M Birch 7
6 2002 VAL CLIMBER R Stubbs 6-8-2 D Nicholls 5
9 0000 CHEKA I Balding 8-7-12 E Johnson 2
10 2441 BASTA (C,D) R Hollinshead 5-7-8 A Whitehall 7 1
1983: Tree Mallow 5-8-5 M Birch (4-1) M Lambert 13 ran.

2 Rough Stones, 7-2 Basta, 4 Fitzpatrick, 6 Cheka, 8 Powersaver Lad, 10 Dark Proposal, 12 others.

FORM: FITZPATRICK, (9-6) 12 ½l 5th to Valuable Witness (9-8) at Ascot (2m, £5454 good to soft, Oct 12, 11 ran). ROUGH STONES, (8-10) 18 ½l 4th to Tropical Way (8-10) after starting very slowly earlier (7-13) 5 ½l 3rd to first bout (7 7) at Newbury (1m 5f £9884 good to soft, Sep 22, 13 ran). TREE MALLOW, (8-6) 15l 6th to Trickshot (8-5) at Ayr previously (9-7) beat Nypus (9-2) by 2l at Newcastle (2m £2141 good to firm, Aug 13, 6 ran) VAL CLIMBER, (8-4) 1l 2nd to Treasure Hunter (9-5) at Nottingham (2m £3762 good Oct 1 11 ran)
Selection: VAL CLIMBER.

4.30 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: Part I: 2-y-o: £1,795: 1m 40yd) (11)

1 0 ALEGREMAN (BF) G Harwood 9-0 G Starkey 11
3 4328 ALMUSHMMIR J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 7
4 0 BARONCOURT H Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 3
6 0 BIRAS CREEK J Tree 9-0 Pat Eddery 9
7 00 BRUSHEEN D Gandolfo 9-0 S Cauthen 1
12 4000 FESTIVAL CITY C Crossley 9-0 A Bond 8
15 MAGSMAN R Fisher 9-0 M Birch 2
18 0 MY HANDSOME BOY D H Jones 9-0 J Reid 10
20 03 ORARION M Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond 4
25 0 SILVER CANNON S Norton 9-0 J Lowe 5
33 0004 REEF POINT (B) S Norton 8-11 C Ollivier 6
1983: All Fair 9-0 K Darley (12-1) R Whitaker 9 ran.

9-4 Orarion, 3 Almushmmir, 4 Baroncourt, 5 Alegreman, 7 Biras Creek, 10 Reef Point, 12 others.

FORM: AALGREMAN (9-0) 6 ½ l 5th of 20 to Otabari at Lingfield 140yds, £822, soft, Oct 6). ALMUSHMMIR (9-0) 2l 3rd of 16 to Timber Tool (9-0) at Brighton (6f, £1,054, good to soft, Sep 20). BIRAS CREEK scope to improve following 13l Salisbury 8th (9-0) to Fintry Hills (9-0) (7f, £1,188, good to firm, Sep 13, 14 ran). ORARION (9-0) btn 1 ½ l 3rd o to Final Step (9-0) at Redcar (8f, £1,579, good, Sep 28). SILVER CANNON (9-0) backward when about 12l 10th of 22 to Armorad (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1,680, good, Oct 2).
Selection: ORARION.

5.0 WHITEBEAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: Part 2: 2-y-o: £1,775: 1m 40yd) (10)

5 000 BEV'S BOY J Wilson 9-0 K Darley 10
8 BUCKSKIN'S BEST J Spearing 9-0 D Nicholls 3
9 0 CAPISTRANO PRINCE G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 G Duffield 5
14 000 LOVER COVER S Norton 9-0 J Lowe 4
22 000 ROSTHERNE J Fitzgerald 9-0 W R Swinburn 1
26 3000 SKELLIG BAY R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 2
27 SKI FANTASY M Jarvis 9-0 B Raymond 8
29 00 TURN OF LUCK M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 6
31 0 DESTINA G Harwood 8-11 G Starkey 9
32 000 FOSSE HOLLOW D Nicholson 8-11 A Murray 7
1983: All Fair 9-0 K Darley (12-1) R Whitaker 9 ran.

11-8 Destina, 4 Ski Fantasy 5 Capistrano Prince, 6 Rostherne, 10 Turn Of Luck, 12 Skellig Bay 16 others

FORM: CAPISTRANO PRINCE (9-0) out of first 10 behind Profess (8-11) at Newmarket (7f £4,425, good to soft, Oct 3, 27 ran). ROSTHERNE (9-0) about 2l 5th TURN OF LUCK (9-0) never able to challenge and beaten another 3 ½ l in 9th and SKELLIG BAY (9-0) out of first 10 to FI STEP at Redcar (8f £1,579, good, Sep 28, 20 ran). SKI FANTASY (9-0) no headway final 2f when about 15l 9th of 14 to Tour D Or (9-0) at Salisbury (7f £1 186, good to firm Sep 13) DESTINA (8-8) weakened over 2f out when 23l last of 9 to Top Bee (8-12) at Goodwood (8f £3,730 good, Sep 14)
Selection: ROSTHERNE.



Henry Cecil: hoping to derive encouragement for top juveniles from the running of Defecting Dancer (3.30)

TOWCESTER

GOING: firm

2.0 BLISWORTH SELLING HURDLE (£469: 2m) (8 runners)

1 40P0 TOWN SPECIAL G Thorner 5-11-5 P Barton
2 300/ EASY LISTENING K Morgan 5-11-0 –
4 00-P2 POLEMISTIS (B) M James 5-11-0 Sharron James 7
5 04-P0 PROUD SAINT P Bowlby 5-11-0 M Bowlby 7
7 000 ARRAS GIRL (B) O O'Neill 5-10-9 –
10 00-42 MISS TALLI R Hartop 5-10-9 P Dever 4
11 20P0- WIMPY FRANKHART H Harper 4-10-9 Mr R Harper
13 0-000 ETOILE D'ARGENT J Jenkins 4-10-4 J Francome
1983: Princess Salulo 4-10-4 S Smith Eccles (7-2) M Connor 7 ran.

7-4 Polemistis, 5-2 Miss Talli, 4 Etoile D'Argent, 6 Arras Girl, 10 Town Special, 14 others.

Towcester selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Polemistis. 2.30 Moon Dreamer. 3.0 Maurice's Tip. 3.30 Tar Knight. 4.0 Princess Hecate. 4.30 Work Mate.

2.30 BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,001: 2m 50yd) (4).

1 P11-1 MOON DREAMER (D) J Gifford 8-11-10 M Palmer
5 443-0 KERRY JACK S Christian 8-10-0 N Fearn
8 020-P BENNILONG (CD) P O'Connor 8-10-0 S McDonald
9 FU40 FLECHA M Chapman 9-10-0 D Chinn
1983: Bennilong 7-10-13 S McDonald (10-11 fav) P O'Connor 4 ran.
1-2 Moon Dreamer, 5-2 Kerry Jack, 8 Bennilong, 12 Flecha.

3.0 VIKING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,478: 2m) (6)

9 2204 MAURICE'S TIP (CD) J Jenkins 6-11-7 J Francome
15 403-0 GALA LAD (CD) M James 10-11-1 Sharron James 7
19 0001 ROCKFIELD BOY (D) J Jenkins -10-11 Mr S Sherwood
20 01P3- WILY YEOMAN (D) J Gifford 5-10-5 R Rowe
21 02-0U GRUNDY GLOW Miss A King 4-10-5 J Burke
26 0140- PROUDEST DIANA Miss E Sneyd 4-10-0 J Cox
1983: Oscar Wilde 8-11-1 S Smith Eccles J Jenkins 4 ran.

9-4 Maurice's Tip, 5-2 Rockfield Boy, Wily Yeoman, 8 Gala Lad, 12 Grundy Glow.

3.30 BOSTROM INDEPENDENCE DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,609: 3m 190yd) (5).

4 0-234 MASTER SMUDGE (B) A Barrow 12-11-7 R oare
7 122-1 TAR KNIGHT Rex Carter 7-11-2 (4 ex) P Barton
8 F30-P GRANDOGAN D Ancil 9-11-1 G McCourt
10 PU0-P SPARCON Miss P O'Connor 10-10-0 Mr T Grantham 7
11 204 GAY FISH Mrs S Davenport 8-10-0 A Sharpe
1983: Young Hawk 10-10-11 J Bryan (3-1) C Jackson 6 ran.

15-8 Tar Knight, 5-2 Master Smudge, 100-30 Grandogan, 6 Gay Fish, 10 Sparcon.

4.0 NEW GENERATION NOVICE HURDLE (£546: 2m 5f 26yd) (3)

3 0P BARNABY RUDGE Peter Taylor 6-10-10 R Lawson 7
13 00P-0 GLITTERATI R Hickman 7-10-5 M Williams
14 2443 PRINCESS HECATE (B) P Davis 9-10-5 P Nicholls
1983: no corresponding race.
1-3 Princess Hecate, 4 Glitterati, 6 Barnaby Rudge.

4.30 GOOD VIBRATIONS NOVICE HURDLE (£548: 2m) (12)

2 CAVESSON B Lay 6-10-10 Mr L Lay 7
5 3000 LIGHT SENTENCE P Pritchard 6-10-10 P Dever 4
10 0 WORDEL Mrs R Murdoch 6-10-10 J Francome
11 P044- WORK MATE G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-10 Mr S Sherwood
14 0430- BUSORM S Avery 4-10-9 NON-RUNNER
16 33-04 HUBLI J Gifford 4-10-9 R Rowe
18 0 KALYOUB W G Turner 4-10-9 A Sharpe
20 00P-0 RAGUSTAR D Oughton 4-10-9 A Coogan
23 2 TOUGH CUSTOMER H Westbrook 4-10-9 H Davies
24 2 TROPICAL MIST D Elsworth 4-10-9 C Brown
28 P0 ROSE STUART J Old 7-10-5 Mr P Swaffield
32 0 AMILLE G Balding 4-10-4 D Hyde
1983: D Lo 5-11-0 S Morshead (11-4) J Old 10 ran.

2 Tropical Mist, 7-2 Hubli, 4 Work Mate, 13-2 Tough Customer, 8 Busorm, 12 others.

● The Middleham trainer, Bill Stubbs, has won the £500 trainer's prize for the Daily Mirror apprentices' Championship after taking the series final at York with the 10-year-old, Carriage Way. This gallant old horse scored 22 championship points and six bonus points in his four runs in the ten-race series. Runner-up in the trainers' table was Fulke Johnson Houghton with 24 points.

WETHERBY

GOING: good to firm

2.0 HALLFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m) (11 runners)

2 3340- AMBLER RAMBLER H Wharton 5-10-10 S Youlden 7
6 4P0-0 SAMPSON Denys Smith 7-10-10 C Grant
7 0/0- STARJESTIC R Robinson 6-10-10 Mandy Harrison 7
8 p0pf- SUPREME BID N Crump 7-10-10 C Hawkins
9 2222/ TINTERELLO J Hardy 5-10-10 S Johnson
11 00- ABANDONED WARRIOR Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-10-9 P A Charlton
12 CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE M H Easterby 4-10-9 A Brown
15 JACK'S LAD A Potts 4-10-9 R Lamb
16 2321- KEYCORN J BLundell 4-10-9 D Dutton
17 NICKEL DRUM D Yeoman 4-10-9 S Keightley
19 000-3 PURPLE BEAM T Barnes 5-10-5 M Barnes
1983: Candy Dawn 7 11-0 M Dwyer (1-2 fav) J Fitzgerald 9 ran.

11-10 Keycorn, 15-8 Charlotte's Dunce, 8 Ambler Rambler 12 Interello, 14 Sampson, 16 others

Wetherby selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Charlotte's Dunce. 2.30 Rentaghost. 3.00 Karenomore 3.35 Just Alick. 4.05 Sam Wrekin. 4.35 Snow Blessed 5 10 Meadow Maid.

2.30 BOBBY RENTON MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (£3,746: 2m 50yd) (7)

1 0-121 STATE CASE Mrs M Dickinson 6-11-5 G Bradley
2 12-34 DAWN DIVER (BF) N Crump 7-11-1 C Hawkins
4 40/30 LEX A Stephenson 7 11-1 A Brown
6 p1-11 RENTAGHOST T Barron 6-11-1 R Lamb
7 400-4 SULA BULA (BF) M H Easterby 6-11-1 NON-RUNNER
9 0/0f0- MENDELITA P Courage 8-10-10 C Fairhurst
10 1330- THELMA'S SECRET T Barnes 7-10-10 M Barnes
1983: Homeson 6-11-3 R Rowe (3-1) J Gifford 9 ran.

11-8 Rentaghost, 9-4 State Case, 6 Thelma's Secret, 8 Dawn Diver

3.0 TURN TO YORKSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,729: 2m) (13)

3 1412- KARENOMORE (CD) M H Easterby 6-11-7 Mr T Easterby
6 2112- RIVERS EDGE (D) Denys Smith 6-11-1 C Grant
7 1112 ASCENMOOR (D) S Bowring 5-11-0 (5 ex) D Shaw 4
10 14-f0 ALL NIGHT LONG (D) Miss Z Green 5-10-5 J L Goulding
11 213-4 OUTLAW (B) (D) W Clay 5-10-4 S J O'Neill
13 44-04 PADYKIN (D) (BF) G Morgan 4-10-1 W Hayes 7
15 1021- MOUNT RULE (D) D Yeoman 4-10-0 C Hawkins
17 0110- BLACK FALCON (D) M Lambert 4-10-0 P A Charlton
18 1214 GORSKY (D) (BF) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-10-0 M Hammond
19 0/1- SAN FERMIN J Fitzgerald 5-10-0 S Keightley
22 13/24 TEEJAY (B) (CD) M Camacho 5-10-0 R Forsyth
24 00u4- CAROUSER (D) J Doyle 7-10-0 S Youlden 7
25 2-040 PADINGO (D) Mrs M Thomas 5-10-0 C Mann
1983: Amarach 5-11-7 J Duggan (14-1) R Fisher 15 ran.

7-2 Karenomore, 5 San Fermin, 13-2 River Edge, Outlaw.

3.35 HALLFIELD NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £548: 2m) (17)

2 3-1 THARALEOS F Watson 4-11-5 R Lamb
3 300p- BIG BROWN BEAR G Barlow 7-10-10 C Grant
4 DRAKES LAD K Hogg 7-10-10 Mr L Hudson 7
5 0000- DRUMMONY L Griffiths 10-10-10 S Keightley
7 0204- JUST ALICK M H Easterby 5-10-10 A Brown
8 0090- MILL BRAE H Wharton 6-10-10 S Youlden 7
10 0033- MR PERFECT B Wilkinson 5-10-10 Mr G Harker 7
16 23-0 ELGENDON (BF) M H Easterby 4-10-9 Mr T Easterby
17 GREEN GORSE N Crump 4-10-9 C Hawkins
18 0 HIGH RATED C H Bell 4-10-9 M Meagher 4
20 MARSHALL RED J Mason 4-10-9 M Pepper
21 MILLS ALLEGIANCE J BLundell 4-10-9 D Dutton
22 03 MING VILLAGE J Parkes 4-10-9 –
23 TINA'S SUN Mrs A Holman 4-10-9 –
25 000-2 BRIGHT IMP R Bethell 5-10-5 P A Charlton
27 p MEDICI SOVEREIGN L Kendall 6-10-5 R Earnshaw
29 404-0 HEAVENLY PRINCESS A Watson 4-10-4 D Shaw 4
1983: State Case 5-11-0 Mr D Browne (2-5 fav) M W Dickinson 15 ran.

5-2 Elgendon, 7-2 Tharaleos, 5 Just Alick, 13-2 Bright Imp, 8 Mr Perfect, 10 Big Brown Bear 12 Marshall Red, 14 others.

4.5 GORDON FOSTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,511: 3m 100yd) (7)

1 2b02- CANNY DANNY J FitzGerald 8-12-0 R O'Leary
2 13p0- PHIL THE FLUTER (CD) H Wharton 9-11-4 S Youlden 7
4 00/40- CAVITY HUNTER L Griffiths 11-11-0 S Keightley
5 021-f SAM WREKIN C H Bell 6-10-10 M Meagher 4
11 031-0 ARTIMARVAL J Blundell 11-10-0 D Dutton
12 3130- GEARYS COLD ROLLED Denys Smith 7-10-0 C Grant
15 323r HAZY GLEN T Barnes 6-10-0 M Barnes
1983: Another Duke 10-11-10 R Rowe (5-2 fav) J Gifford 9 ran.

7-4 Canny Danny 11-4 Hazy Glen, 4 Phil The Fluter, 10 Sam Wrekin, 12 Cavity Hunter 16 others.

4.35 HEADLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,456: 2m 4f 100yd) (5)

2 41f-4 SEA MERCHANT (CD) W A Stephenson 7-11-11 R Lamb
8 312-4 ABERSING (C) D Todd 9-10-0 R O'Leary
9 311-3 SNOW BLESSED (CD) Denys Smith 7-10-0 C Grant
10 221-1 BROKEN SPEECH N Crump 8-10-0 (5 ex) C Hawkins
13 p000/ TOM SAWYER A Watson 10-10-0 D Shaw 4
1983: W Six Times 6-11-5 Mr D Browne (5-2 fav) M W Dickinson 9 ran.

6-4 Broken Speech, 3 Sea Merchant, Snow Blessed, 13-2 Abersing, 100 Tom Sawyer

5.10 AMATEUR RIDERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£688: 2m) (20)

2 013- GLEN LOCHAN N Crump 44-11-12 R Balfour 7
3 0/0 ARTIFACT H Fleming 6-11-6 A Welsh 7
5 BRITISH HERO K Hogg 5-11-6 Anna Hosteron 7
7 CONNTAFF I Jordon 5-11-6 Miss A Armstrong 7
8 0-00 FLOWER BRUSA W A Stephenson 5-11-6 Mr S Cunningham 7
10 002 GINDANGO F Taylor 5-11-6 M Berry 7
12 3 MAUNBY PRINCE T Barron 5-11-6 Mrs V Greaves
14 0/ PERSIAN CORN W Hackett 5-11-6 G Williams 7
15 0-8 SLIPSTREAM LAD R Wright 5-11-6 Miss J Wright 7
27 00-2 CHIPCHASE B Wilkinson 4-11-5 Mr G Harker 7
32 NIJUDAKI Denys Smith 4-11-5 D Thompson 7
36 TARGOGAN'S BEST R Peacock 4-11-5 C Kellett 7
37 - TEN IN HAND J Ciechanowski 4-11-5 Mr J Ciechanowski
39 0-0 MARTELL LADY Mrs S Mollett 6-11-1 Mr R Morris
40 SPLASH R Tate 5-11-1 Mr R Tate
41 VELVET EDGE P Felgate 5-11-1 T Wooley 7
45 4-32 MEADOW MAID M H Easterby 4-11-0 Mr T Easterby
46 MY ROMANY ROSE O Brennan 4-11-0 M Hill 7
49 TAX CODE N Crump 4-11-0 Mr P Craggs
50 TORRINGTON'S HOPE D Todd 4-11-0 Miss L Todd 7
1983: Bright Sharriff 4-11-5 Mr D Browne (Evens fav) M W Dickinson 20 ran.

13-8 Meadow Maid, 4 Glen Lochan, 11-2 Chipchase, 13-2 Nijudaki, 8 Ten in Hand, 14 Splash, 16 others

PLUMPTON

GOING: Good to firm

2.15 HOVE THREE YRS OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£548: 2m) (15 runners)

1 08 ATKINS B Swift 11-0 R Campbell 4
6 u FREE BUCK B Swift 11-0 R Dunwoody
8 GUN MAN N Callaghan 11-0 S Sutham
9 4300 HALL'S PRINCE (B) G Balding 11-0 B Reilly
11 p MR COPPER (B) C Sparse 11-0 J McLaughlin
13 SIGNOR SAM B Wise 11-0 R Rowell
14 0 SPARKLER SPIRIT A Pitt 11-0 P Scudamore
15 THA D Weeden 11-0 K Townend 7
16 THE HILL TARGET P Haynes 11-0 A Webb
17 0013 THE MILKMAN M O'Halloran 11-0 M O'Halloran
18 43 TIGERWOOD P M Taylor 11-0 A Carroll
19 YOUNG BUCKERS M Haynes 11-0 R G Hughes
22 SHANAFONA A Dawson 10-9 –
23 SNATCH BACK M Keegan 10-9 J Akehurst
24 STAR REVUE R Hoad 10-9 M Hoad 7
1983: Dhofar 11-5 S Smith Eccles (9-4 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon 17 ran.

9-4 Tigerwood, 7-2 Free Buck, 4 Gun Man, 6 Young Buckers, 8 The 10 The Milkman, 12 others

Plumpton selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Gun Man 2.45 British Crown 3.15 Prince Carlton 3.45 Fire Chieftain 4.15 Hot Match 4.45 Friday Street

Michael Seeley's selection: 4.15 Hot Match.

2.45 KINGSTON NOVICES CHASE (£961: 2m) (9)

1 000-1 SWIFT ROYALE (C) D Oughton 6-11-12 P Double
2 4/1-u BRITISH CROWN (BF) M Madgwick 8-11-5 A Madgwick 4
5 22p2 FLIGHT SHEET P Felgate 8-11-5 P Scudamore
7 0-00f FLYING FISHNET Mrs J Barrow 8-11-5 G Mernagh
8 004-0 GIN GAME D Weeden 7-11-5 K Townend 7
9 4p-44 GLENJADE N Wheeler 9-11-5 Mr N Wheeler
11 0/02-p HOPE GAP (B) B Wise 8-11-5 R Rowell
12 0-234 IRISH PAGEANT (B) J Bridger 10-11-5 A Jones
15 pfp-2 MERCHANDISER G Ripley 6-11-5 G Moore
1983: Hot Match 6-12-5 S Smith Eccles (2-1 fav) G Pritchard-Gordon

7-4 Swift Royale 3 Flight Sheet 5 British Crown, 8 Merchandiser.

3 15 'HAI KARATE' HANDICAP CHASE (£1,632: 3m 1f) (11)

1 3103- WILLIAMSON (B) E Witts 10-11-10 C Mann
3 002p- MR GUMBOOTS Mrs J Barrow 10-11-3 Peter Hobbs
4 002p- DONAGHMOYNE Miss L Bower 7-10-13 –
5 0-023 PRINCE CARLTON Mrs J Bloom 9-10-11 Miss C Saunders 7
6 020-2 SUNLIT RIVER D Pitcher 7-10-6 Mr D Pitcher
8 2-414 BUCK ROYALE (CD) T Tory 11-10-1 B Powell 4
9 3-322 POMPOUS PRINCE (BF) S Woodman 11-10-0 R Dunwoody
11 4012 CITY MARATHON J Fitch-Heyes 6-10-0 Penny Fitch-Heyes 7
12 0-2u1 GREY TARQUIN (D) J Bridger 12-10-0 A Jones 7
13 10/03 MIDDAY WELCOME C Holmes 13-10-0 A Webb
15 3024 SERGEANT CAN (D) J Bridger 12-10-0 Mr L Fogerty
1983: Lucky Rew 8-11-7 J Francome (2-1) T Bulgin 7 ran.

3 Pompous Prince, 7-2 Prince Carlton, 4 Sunlit River, 6 City Marathon, 8 Grey Tarquin, 10 Buck Royale, 12 Midday Welcome.

3.45 OCTOBER SELLING HURDLE (773: 2m) (13)

2 0/0p-1 CARIBLUE (D,B) A Davison 7-11-2 –
4 304-1 DEO GRATIAS (D) M Pipe 9-11-2 P Leach
5 0-421 FIRE CHIEFTAIN (CD) M Madgwick 6-11-2 A Madgwick 4
7 00/fp KARMALI (D) D Browning 8-11-2 J Akehurst
8 000-p KENO HILL A Davison 9-11-2 –
12 0/00-6 REBEL STAR D Wise 6-11-2 R Rowell
13 0043 SPRINGFIELDCRACKER (CD) G Gracey 10-11-2 P Croucher 4
14 4300 TOATLEY ABLE (D) T Keenor 7-11-2 L Bloomfield 4
17 p- BERTHON GOLD G Ripley 4-11-0 G Moore
19 0042- QUEENSBURY JOE (B) D Dale 4-11-0 A Carroll
21 0040 MAIDA VALE S Woodman 5-10-11 R Dunwoody
23 0-320 TOP GOLD (CD) H O'Neill 5-10-11 M Hammond
25 00- EMMA'S STAR C Holmes 4-10-9 A Webb
1983: Div I: Crown Land 8-11-5 J Francome (4-5 fav) J Jenkins 13 ran. Div II: Venturion 9-10-12 L Mancini (13-2) J Davies 12 ran.

11-4 Deo Gratis, 10-3 Fire Chieftain, 9-2 Top Gold, 6 Maida Vale,

4.15 SOUTH DOWNS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,581: 2m) (4)

2 21-32 BASH STREET KID (CD) D Oughton 9-11-7 P Double
4 113-1 HOT MATCH (CD) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-10-13 (5 ex) S Smith Eccles
8 001-0 MICK'S RITUAL (D) P Felgate 5-10-0 P Scudamore
12 up3b WESTERING HOME (CD) D Mills 10-10-0 R Rowell
1983: Akaghaderry Run 8-10-4 J Lovejoy (5-1) T Clay 12 ran.

4-6 Hot Match, 9-4 Bash Street Kid, 6 Mick's Ritual, 14 Westering Home

4.45 FFIRLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,061: 2m) (15)

1 00/ PUTEH MUKA E Witts 7-12-7 P Goswell
2 1384 FLASH FRED (C) T Clay 7-12-3 E Murphy
3 433-p MON'S BEAU (CD) D Grissell 9-12-3 A Jones
4 3-103 VITINGO (D) C Holmes 5-11-10 K Burke
5 3-00r BUFFOON (D) P Hayward 9-11-9 K Bond
7 714-0 THINK ON (CD) I Campbell 4-11-7 R Arnott
8 001-0 WATERHEAD D Oughton 4-11-0 G Charles-Jones
11 004-4 FRIDAY STREET (CD) R Hoad 5-11-2 M Hoad
12 4021 RISING SOVEREIGN (D) P Butler 6-11-0 (6 ex) –
13 009-0 GRAFTY GREEN (D) D Dale 9-10-12 I Williams
14 0040- ON TRUST D Browning 7-10-9 P Corrigan
16 00/33 PRINCE OF KASHMIR (D) P Taylor 5-10-5 P Croucher
18 000- WHITE NILE N Lee-Judson 4-10-3 –
19 0000- DEAR OCTOPUS (D,B) G Ripley 8-10-1 C Warren
20 0211- TOO FAMILIAR C Wildman 4-10-0 W Knox
1983: Ribot Star 4-10-5 S Moore (11-2) J Fox 13 ran.

7-2 Waterhead, 5 Rising Sovereign, 6 Flash Fred, 7 Prince Of Kashmir Friday Street, 8 Think On, 10 Vitingo, 12 Too Familiar

Perth

GOING: Good

2.15 BRIDGEND JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £530: 2m) (7 runners)

1 Damn 10-10 P Tuck
2 8 Damnas 10-10 Mr M Thompson 7
3 Halle Henry 10-10 T G Dun
6 232 Viking Raider 10-10 T G Davies
7 Wallside Raider 10-10
9 8 Loch Lever 10-5
11 Bilk 10-5 A Stringer
4-5 Viking Raider 7 2 Damnas, 5 Loch Lever, 8 Domanus.

2.45 MUIRTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,156: 2m) (7)

1 31-2 Blackdeel 5-11 10 NON-RUNNER
2 232 Birsby 10-11-9 P A Farrell 7
4 -218 Saint-Munn (B) 10-10-12 T G Dun
5 8-08 Dr Galliatine 9-10-8
6 a-44 Pacific Speedster 5-10-4 P Tuck
9 0p-a Dom Mancini 9-10-0
10 234 Carlingford Lough
2 Birsby 3 Saint Munn, 5 Dr Galliatine, 8 Carlingford Lough.

3.15 TENNENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1 487: 2m 4f) (3)

2 00-2 Scottish Dream 6-11-8 N Doughty
4 3p0- Norfolk Pageant 5-11-5
10 420 Laugh-A-Minute 5-10-0 P A Farrell 7
1-3 Scottish Dream, 7-2 Laugh-A-Minute, 7 Norfolk Pageant.

3.45 TULLOCH NOVICE CHASE (£760: 2m) (6)

2 180 Always Hopeful 6-11-5 P Tuck
5 891- Golden Fancy 7 11-5
8 80u- Tamsan's Tipple 7
9 112- Tartan Trader 7 11-5 N Doughty
11 08-8 Parsalle 8-11-0
12 39/ Wayz Goose 6-11-0
4-5 Tartan Trader 7-4 Golden Fancy, 10 Always Hopeful, 16 Parsalle.

4 15 LATHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£1,171 3m) (6)

2 p3-8 Red Cleric 10-11 7 R Strange
3 30-8 The Engineer 12 11-4 C Pimlott
4 880- Holborn Head 8-11
8 41-8 Newstead 8-10-1
9 02-3 Artame 9-10-0
10 4-30 Wavy Ridge 12 10-0 A Stringer
6-4 Red Cleric, 11-4 The Engineer, 4 Holborn Head, 6 Newstead.

4.45 CRAIGIE NOVICE HURDLE (£529: 2m 4f) (8)

2 2-00 Aqua Verde 5-10-13 S Charlton
3 22-8 Beau Lyon 6-10-13
8 880- Pitsruvie 5-10-13
9 4-88 Border Minstrel 6-10-8
10 p0-a Soldier's Dream 6-10-8
11 23p/ Susanna 6-10-8
12 Bannow Burn 4-10-7
13 82-9 Fala Kallona 4-10-7
9-4 Aqua Verde, 7-2 Pitsruvie, 5 Beau Lyon, 6 Bannow Burn

PERTH SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Viking Raider. 2.45 Birsby. 3.15 Scottish Dream. 3.45 Tartan Trader. 4.15 Red Cleric. 4.45 Beau Lyon.

Redcar results

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m) 1. LUCKSIN (D Nicholls, 13-2); 2. Head Up (M Hills, 7-4 fav); 3. Glenderry (N Connorton, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Brega Diamond, 14 Grand Strat, Kingora, 16 New Wallington (6th), 20 Record Haulier, Smiths Boy, Sporting Pink, 25 Digger Boy, Glenmore Louis, Happy Cash (5th), My Dominion, Our Dudley (4th), Dadeka Dawes, In Dispute Mableann, North Lassie, Silver Screen, Siram Quest. 21 ran. 2l, 2½l, 2½l, hd, 2l. R Thompson at Doncaster. TOTE: £9.60; £3.60, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £28.00. CSF: £17.73.

2.45 (7f) 1. SOJOURN (W R Swinburn, 6-1); 2. Paris Match (A Kimberley, 10-1); 3. Changanoor (T Ives, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Java Bleu, 5 Billy Pitt (5th), 6 Equal Terms (4th), 7 Al-Walled (6th), 16 Donavan's Choice, 25 Berk Boy, Hovian, Silent Journey, 33 Boschendal, Cabanax, Cloud Dancer, Craigs Dancer, Gina's Match, Great Scott, Mister Point, Nekor Prince, Night Warrior, Optimosa, Strawly, Call Me Claire, Double Picture, Locnfast, Lucky Candy, Mount Ephraim, Sales Talk, Telephone Book. 29 ran. Nk, 2½l, 4l, hd, sh hd. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £7.00; £2.60, £3.30, £3.70. DF: £54.00. CSF: £63.50.

3.15 (1m 3f) 1. SEA REPPIN (Paul Eddery, 16-1); 2. Dance Of Life (G Duffield 10-1); 3. Radshaw (M Wood, 10-1); 4. Elasim (C Coates, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Matadku, 8 Mick's Star Tromeros, 9 Fenchurch Colony, 10 Rural Scene, Smokey Lin, 14 Merry Tom, 16 Cap d'Azur (6th), Excavator Lady, 20 Havenwood, Willow Twig, Marton Maid (5th), 50 Micky Fox, Bossey. 18 ran. ¾l, nk, ½l, 3, nk. J Leigh at Gainsborough. TOTE: £17.70; £3.30, £2.60, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £152.70. CSF: £174.67. Tricast: £1,573.45.

3.45 (2m 115yds) 1. HERRADURA (G Duffield, 4-5 fav); 2. Old Alex (P Robinson 7-1); 3. Majube Hill (M Hills 2-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Pennabos (4th), 50 Gaybello (5th). 5 ran. 1l, 7l, 8, ½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.30; £1.00, £5.80. DF: £5.30. CSF: £6.19.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1. NOWA HUTA (R Guest 5-1); 2. Dick Knight (D Fowler-Wright 10-1); 3. Sunapa's Owlet (D Nicholls 14-1); 4. Prince Oberon (T Ives 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Arrow Beak, 6 Questelle, 8 Grand Teton, Mezara, 10 Miami Star, 12 Balmacara, 14 Dozario (6th), 20 Here I Am, 25 Penby's Double (5th), 33 Hedge Cutter Dream Once More, Red Counter Highest Tender. 17 ran. 2½l, nk, sh-hd, 1½l, 1½l. L Cumani Newmarket. TOTE: £7.20; £2.00, £1.10, £4.30, £2.60. DF: £37.10. CSF: £56.07. Tricast: £618.49.

4.45 (6f) 1. LINPAC LEAF (Paul Eddery 25-1); 2. Ferryboat (A Shoults 33-1); 3. Firespark (M Fry 16-1); 4. Blessit (N Connorton 5-1). ALSO Ran: 4 fav There There, 9 Royal Question, 10 Music Night, 11 Eastbrook, 16 Out Of Hand, C B M Girl, 20 Sharlie's Wimpy, Giant Of Silver, Hautboy Lady, Jesters Pet, Sheila Crockett, Gen On Lad, Primula Boy, 33 Good N Sharp, Magic Mushroom, Mr Rose, Nagalia, Joscelina Winifred, Off Your Mark. NR: Vanishing Trick, Dame Peggy, Wilma Rudolph. 23 ran. 1l, 1½l, nk, 1½, ½. W Elsey at Malton. TOTE: £20.70; £6.70, 2nd horse unbacked, £8.10, £2.00. DF 1st or 2nd with any other £11.30. CSF £631.01. Tricast: £11,506.93. Placepot £477.15.

Folkestone

Going: good to soft

1.45 (5f) 1. PERFECT TIMING (R Fox 16-1); 2. Mitchsider (M Giles 10-1); 3. Blue Scholar (E Guest 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Fav Kiri, 4 Biddestone Lass, 9-2 African Setting (4th), 20 Zamindara (5th), 33 Candy Rose (6th), Dukeswood, Fair Eleanor, Mooned, Normanda, Sagareira, Sleepline Maid. 14 Ran. ½l, 6l nk, 7l nk. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. TOTE: £9.80; £1.60, £4.20, £2.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £132.21.

2.15 (6f) 1. SILENT THREAT (P Cook 7-2 Jt Fav); 2. Eddie Zip (A Clark 8-1); 3. Sparkford Lad (B Rouse 12-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jt Fav Indian Hal (4th), 7 Expecting To Fly, 10 Gold Loft, Mad Jimmy (5th), Shagraan, Spaksalon, Symphytum, 20 Ickworth, Our Nautilus, Stanwood Boy, Zephyros, 25 Croxdath (6th), 33 Discovered, Distant Chimes, Eagles Pleasure, Underfire, Yenl. 20 Ran. 2l, 2½l, 3l, 2l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. TOTE: £4.10; £2.20, £4.10, £3.00. DF: Winner with any other horse: £4.00. CSF: £37.22.

2.45 (1m 7f 100yd) 1. CHEEKY ROSES (D McKay, 9-4); 2. Master Carver (B Rouse, 7-4 fav); 3. Paradise Regained (M Wigham, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Just Irene (6th), 12 Alannochy, Tocodesu (5th), 20 Thunder Rock (4th), 25 Call Up, 50 Jain, Piccard. 10 ran. 7l, 4l, 2l, sh-hd, 2l. B Stevens at Bramley. TOTE: £3.90; £1.70, £1.50, £3.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £5.29.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1. OLD HUBERT (P Bloomfield, 7-2 fav); 2. Sandyla (I Jenkinson 16-1); 3. Susan's Sunset (N Adams, 25-1); 4. Dashing Light (M Wigham, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Fishpond, 7 Flying Tenderfoot, 8 First Folly, Shipwright, 10 Russborough (5th), 12 New Zealand (6th), 14 Rheffianosa, 20 Stay Sharp, 25 End of The Road, Widd, Pip, Samandar, The Readcutter, The Irish Rhine, Miss Melinowsla. 19 ran. NR: Arbor Lane. 4l, hd, 1l, ¾l, ¾l. Bailey at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.10; £1.20, £4.70, £3.70, £5.40. DF: £101.20. CSF: £53.66. Tricast: £1,080.15.

3.45 (5f) 1. SHELLY MARIE (R Fox 6-1); 2. Diaam (G Sexton 9-4 fav); 3. Tricenco (G Dickie 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bright Domino (4th), 11-2 African Music (5th), 8 Polly's Teahouse (6th), 14 Jackie Blair, 20 Maiden Bidder. 8 ran. 2l, 2l, 2l, 4l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £5.90; £2.30, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £21.80. CSF: £27.71.

4.15 (6f) 1. GENTLE STAR (G Mash 11-2 fav); 2. Comchams (J Carroll 14-1); 3. Fal Leag (D Cahill 15-1); 4. Lonely Street (P Hill 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Rapid Action, 8 Taz Shahzada (6th), 9 Double Room, 10 Dignified Air, Lord Scrap, 12 Try Me, American Winter, 14 Kittaley, Torrey, 20 Steel Pass, Vee Bee, 25 Melissa Claire, 33 Mark Kelly, Ragged Rascal. 18 ran. NR: Severn Clubs, Sharad. 6l, sh hd, 2½l, 2l, 1l. K Ivory at Radlett. TOTE: £6.88; £1.30, £5.10, £3.50, £3.70. DF: £74.00. CSF: £77.88. Tricast: £1,084.07. Placepot: £226.80.

Warwick

Going: good.

2.00 (1m) 1. EXUBERINE (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2. Nijinsky Sentiment (J Lowe, 6-1); 3. Millbow (L Piggott, 8-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Hello Gypsy (5th), 12 No Designs, 16 John Patrick (4th), 15 Tory, Native-Bay 40 Copernica, Frostycaro, Hawaiian Love, Height Of Summer, Ramadi Dawn, Stampy, Benty Heath, Camden Lock (6th), Derry Dancer, Furzy Leaze, Legancy, Sharp Snap. 21 ran. NR: Rapid Action. Also Sygora. ½l, 6l, 2l, 2l, hd. G Hunter at East Ilsley. TOTE: £5.80; £2.20, £1.70, £1.00. DF: £10.90. CSF: £44.24.

2.30 (1m) 1. TOPSOIL (K Radcliffe, 6-1); 2. Staroff (S Hudson, 8-1); 3. Nawaas (A Whitehall, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Dreamy Desire, 9-2 Northern Ballerina, 8 Capriole 10 Hill's Rocket, Sapphire Girl (5th), 14 Jobert (6th), 16 Brady's Lady (4th), 20 Baby Sago, Tudor Trix, 25 Dame Decoy, 33 Pop Dancer, Au-Revoir Joan, Misty Move, Royal Valley, Tcoya. 18 ran. NR: Mister P... Boy, Thundering Hearn. ½l, ... Simpson at Lambourn. TOTE: ... £2.80, £1.30. DF: £13.50. CSF: ... bought in for 1,400 guineas.

3.0 (2m) 1. MILTON BURN ... 2. Aldo King (T Quinn, 10-1); ... (R Morse, 16-1); 4. Meadowb... 5-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Avic... Girl, Ensemble, 10 Wing A... Forewarn (6th), 14 Blame, ... Carado, 25 Go Anywhere, ... Acton, Poo Express, Quiet ... Ragnda, Ritzy Girl. 20 ran. ... hd. D Hanley at Lambourn. ... £5.90, £1.80, £2.00, £2.70. ... £141.71. Tricast: £1,840.39.

3.30 (5f) 1, SHARAD (R Str... Embassy (W Higgins, 16-1); ... Cochrane, 7-2 fav); 4, Run R... 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Barnet, ... Donna, 8 Wow Wee Woo, ... Wilma Rudolph, 14 Pictorial, ... Spanish Point, Tender Love ... Dab, Schula, Tar's Hill, Times ... Arms. 16 ran. NB: Manilow, ... nk, 1½l, 3l, ½l. B Stevens at ... £35.00; £7.00, £6.30, £1... £502.50. CSF: £293.91. Tricast ...

4.0 (1m) 1, ACE (Pat Edde... (G Baxter, 10-1); 3, Ghizlan ... Newtown (J Lowe, 12-1). AL... Storm House, 7 Rainbow Vision ... (6th), 10 Yarmouth Pier, 12 ... Elegant Port, Sea Fairy, 16 Sh... Montanic, Wandering Walter, ... Palmion, Sadgewall Lad... Aeroscope, Rogers Princess, ... Billion Boy, Godsend. 2l, 3l ... James at Newbury. TOTE: £4... £5.70, £8.40. DF: £20.70. CSF ... £1,180.91.

4.30 (5f) 1, RACINE CITY (A... 2, Jesterlon (A Mackay, 11-2... (S Whitworth, 6-1). ALSO RAN ... 8 Trigon-Ely (4th), 7 Tanamie ... Silent Lowe, 12 Boldcott Tiger ... (6th), 20 Promises Are Fr... Chance, Our Sammie, For Jo... Abmark, Bold Investment, ... Helen Shikari, Sabrosa. 20 ran. ... R Hannon at Marlborough, ... £9.70, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £22.7... Placepot: £31.75.

Newton Abbot results

Going: good

2.0 2m 150yds hdle. 1 DA... Carroll, 11-8 fav); 2, Three ... Over Pendle (15-2). 5l, 2¼l ... TOTE: £2.50; £1.30, £3.90, ... CSF: £25.08.

£2.30 (2m 5f chase) YOU... Haan, 8-13 fav); 2, Maggi... Katmandu (8-1). 7l, 2l. 6 ran ... £1.60; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £4.9...

3.00 (2m 150 yd hdle) MO... Linley, 2-1 fav); 2, Dassak (1... 2). 4l, hd. 12 ran. R Hodg... £1 10, £4.20, £2.10. DF: £2... Tricast: £145.09.

3.30 (3m 2f 100yd chase ... Morshead, 3-1 fav); 2, Firm ... Prince Buskins (33-1). Nk, 7... TOTE: £4.10; £2.00, £2.00, ... CSF: £20.79.

4.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle ... ROSE (B Powell, 14-1); 2, Sc... fav); 3, Meldon Lady (9-2). 2... Bishop TOTE: £29.80; £... £70.80. CSF: £47.32.

4.30 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, R... Brown, 6-4 fav); 2, Air Space ... Way (16-1). 3l, 6l. 16 ran. D... £2.60; £2.10, £2.60, £2.50. ... £11.46.

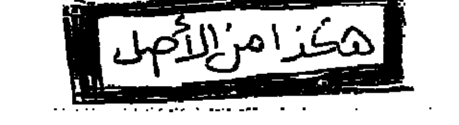
Placepot: £27.40.

Newmarket declarations

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CESAREWITCH: Asir, A Sther, Sergeant ... Valuable Witness, Prince C... Jackdaw, Water Cannon, ... Appeal To Me, Morgan's C... Treasure Hunter, Rikki T... Granella, Lobkowiez, Symbol... Rupert, Ack Ack Regime... Trickshot, Coral Heights, ... Singer, The Owls, Have Ble... Syme. To be run over 2m 2f ... 20.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock 3.30 Bromwich Boy



RUGBY UNION: VISITING WALLABIES FACE THEIR FIRST CHALLENGE ON THE FIELD

Australians seek understanding as pre-tour talk is put to test

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The seventh major touring side from Australia to this country (the eighth, counting the ill fated 1939 party, who did not play a match) begins its programme at Twickenham today. There have been many words spoken and written about what they might or might not achieve but expectations should not run too high before the game against the London division, the first 18 matches.

The Australians go into the game without Slack, their captain, and with a mixture of experience and promising youth which, however hard the players may have worked in training, requires the essential test of match conditions. They will be looking for a victory of any kind to begin the tour.

That proved beyond the last Australian visitors, in 1981. They lost their first game to the Midlands and could only manage a win, a draw and a second defeat in the next three. With the first international looming on November 3, there is all too little time for Slack's Wallabies to establish their most effective combination, and London, who have prepared long and hard for the game, are not going to help them.

The first match of a tour is always one in which the home team fancies its chances, and London very nearly did the trick against the 1979 New Zealanders, losing by three points. This year they have been unlucky to have three of their original selections injured; they are left with six internationals, including the captain, Colclough, whose form wil be closely watched by the England selectors.

Last season Colclough, suffering somewhat from disenchantment with the international game, decided to restrict his activities to club rugby. But, at 31, he remains a powerful force and England desperately need a tight forward of his ability and experience. A good game today may herald his return to the international scene.

The lineout is said to be one of the Australians' main strengths; another is the pace of their backs and the quality of their handling. They have had firm surfaces for training and will be hoping for no break in the weather, but if it is a wet day there may be little in it. The game kicks off at 4 o'clock in the hope that more spectators will be able to attend.

The South and South West division have lost their left wing for the second tour game at Exeter on Saturday. Mogg, of Gloucester, has dropped out with damaged knee ligaments and his place goes to Swift, the Swansea wing, who has six caps. There will be fitness checks for Hesford and Spurrell tomorrow evening.

The Teams

LONDON DIVISION: N Stringer (Wasps); S Smith (Wasps), A Thompson (Harlequins), R Lozowski, R Cardus; H Davies (all Wasps), I George (London Welsh); P Curtis (Harlequins), A Simmons (Wasps), S Henderson (Rosslyn Park), K Mogg (Wasps), M Colclough (Wasps, captain), P Ackford (Metropolitan Police), D Cooke (Harlequins), C Butcher (Harlequins). Replacements: J Salmon (Harlequins), S Smith (Richmond), A Woodhouse (Harlequins), A Ripley (Rosslyn Park).
AUSTRALIANS: R Gould; D Campese, M Burk, J Black, B Moon; M Ella, N Farr-Jones; C Lillicrap, T Lawton, A McIntyre, W Calcraft, S Williams (captain), W Campbell, S Poidevin, R Reynolds. Replacements: R Hanley, M Lynagh, P Cox, M McBain, E Rodriguez, S Tuynman.
Referee: S Hilditch (Ireland).

● Colclough and Nigel Melville make their first senior appearance for Wasps this season in the merit table match against London Irish on Saturday.

Melville's slow recovery from injury and commitments to Yorkshire have prevented him teaming up with Huw Davies at half back, and he was his first game in the senior side since playing at Llanelli last January.

Colclough has played six games for Poitiers in the French second division, but his absence from Wasps' training has, under the club rules, confined him to three second XV matches.

Trip for Cardiff

Cardiff, the holders, visit village side Tonyrefail in the first round of the 1984-5 Welsh Rugby Union Challenge Cup, sponsored by Schweppes, on Saturday, November 17.

Neath, last season's beaten finalists, are at home to Colwyn Bay, while Pontypool, this season's only unbeaten senior Welsh club, travel to Carmarthen Athletic.



Colclough: possible return to international fray

Cambridge change to avoid clash

The annual match between Cambridge University and M. Steele-Bodger's XV has been brought forward a week from November 28 to November 21 to avoid a clash with the game at Waterloo between the Northern Division and the Australians (David Hands writes). Cambridge have four players who may be considered for the North.

The move means that both Oxford and Cambridge universities will have their invitation games on the same day – Oxford meet R. V. Stanley's XV. Traditionally each university has "spied" on the other at these games.

Cambridge have complied with a request from England's selectors to release their players for divisional rugby and will therefore be missing Andrew, Simms and Ellison in their game with Rosslyn Park this evening.

The three will be playing for the North against Ulster, so Hastings, the Scotland B full back, remains at stand-off half, and Martin, last year's full back at Twickenham, comes in for his first game of the term after recovering from a leg injury.

Five new faces go to Belfast

The North have had to make five changes for their match against Ulster in Belfast tonight. Ruled out are the England centre, Bryan barley, the flank forward, Peter Winterbottom, and the prop forward, Eddie Bell. Also Missing are Wayne Dooley, of Lancashire, and the Yorkshire wing, Mike Harrison.

The Gosforth wing, Paul Cusack, is drafted in along with Orrell's Bob Kimmins at lock, the Headingley prop, Paul Huntsman, Liverpool's Peter Buckton in the back row and the centre, Andy Mason, of roundhay.

The England forward, Nick Jeavons, Misses Moseley's home match against Aberabon on Saturday because of a business trip abroad. George Sey has recovered from a groin strain and fills the vacancy at flank forward

Cambridge University will be without four Blues when they open their first-class fixture list against Rosslynb Park at Rowhampton this evening. Rob Andrew, John Ellison and Kevin Simms are playing for the North against Ulster while Mark Bailey, the captain, is recovering from a foot injury.

BOXING

Seedy gym that is the home of champions

Mexico City (Reuter) – In a run-down district of the Mexican capital, amid the stray dogs, food stalls and bare foot, ragged children, stands the home of Mexico's world boxing champions – a scruffy upstairs gym called the Lupita Baths.

Taco and chili fumes rise from the street and blend with the sweat of dozens of short, dark, mean-looking men who seem to revel in the seediness of the place.

Boxing experts here find it hard to pinpoint the particular appeal of Lupita – motto: "Order, respect and harmony." – or of the string of equally shabby gyms in the thieves-kitchen neighbourhood of Tepita.

After all, world champions can chose not to use old bleach bottles as water containers or train in such cramped surroundings; but dozens of the country's top boxers nevertheless gravitate towards the place, perhaps because of its steamy, pungent atmosphere.

Gabriel Bernal, who lost his World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title to Thailand's Sot Chitalada in Bangkok last week, is one big name who works out there.

Bernal's manager, Arturo Hernandez, affectionately known as "The Weasel", said before the bout that his man's preparation should have been more thorough, and Bernal agreed that the bout will be difficult. How right they were.

Another boxer who takes his place in the practice ring there is Lupe Pintor, the WBC bantamweight champion, while the Nicaraguan former world champion, Alexis Arguello, and Mexicans such as Julio Cesar Chavez, Ruben Olivares, German Torres, Juan Meza, Jose Napoles and Salvador Sanchez, have sparred there at one time or another.

"Mexican boxers come from the streets", the WBC president, Jose Sulaiman, says. "They are tough and they fight to survive. The gymnasia here reflect that attitude."

Sulamiman believed Mexico consistently produces world boxing champions because there is so much poverty and hunger in the country, and boxing is the traditional escape route.

Top-of-the-bill Price

Jimmy Price, the London-based Liverpool middleweight tops the bill on Greg Steene's first promotion of the season at the Lyseum, London, on November 1. He meets the Spanish champion, Andoni Amana, over eight rounds.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Amateurs sponsored by county council

By Keith Macklin

Sponsorship for amateur Rugby League in Yorkshire has come from an unexpected source – local government. West Yorkshire County Council are to sponsor the Yorkshire Amateur Rugby League to a total of £5,000 for the rest of this season. The money will be used to pay for trophies, an end-of-season presentation night, and to stage trophy finals in the league's three sections: youth, junior and open age. Sponsorship of candidates on the national coaching course is also being considered.

John Gunnell, the council leader, said that this was the first sponsorship of its kind. "Thanks to the efforts in recent years of the British Amateur Rugby League Association, the sport has grown rapidly, not just here in Yorkshire but throughout the country," he said. "It is appropriate that we should strengthen our links with the county's rich sporting traditions."

The amateur game continues to thrive elsewhere. This week 29 clubs, including entries from Wales and London, will launch the National Student Merit League of the University and College Amateur Rugby League Association.

Myson, the Hull amateurs, will play their first round John Player Trophy tie against Dewsbury, the senior club, at the Boulevard.

In the professional game the first division leaders have no fewer than eight first team players injured, including the Australians, Ashton, Worrall and Flanagan, as they prepare for the visit to St Helens on Sunday.

● Two Australian internationals, Peter Sterling and John Muggleton, arrive in Britain today to join Hull, despite a decision by the Department of Employment to refuse them work permits. Hull have enlisted the help of Stuart Randall, MP to try to clear Sterling and Muggleton to play.

The department said yesterday that the ban was temporary while they awaited proposals on player imports from the Rugby League and the players' association. Two Australians who joined Hull Kingston Rovers this week, Chris Anderson and Gavin Miller, have been granted permits.

Gymnast makes a resounding success of her second love

Dancer who swapped her shoes for title

If Natalie Davies, the new British women's champion, had not become a gymnast, it is likely that she would have been a successful dancer.

Miss Davies and her twin brother, Rhys, took up dancing at the age of three: he is currently studying dance education and choreography, while she took the decision to concentrate on gymnastics when she was 12. At the age of 17, her routines now have balletic elegance and grace which have taken her this year not only to the No 1 national position but also to the highest point ever reached by a British gymnast in the post-war Olympic Games – nineteenth in the overall finals.

The move towards exchanging art for sport began at primary school in Orpington when Miss Davies was six. A teacher was convinced that she had the physique, co-ordination and courage to suit the many demanding facets of gymnastics.

Miss Davies was introduced to the local Cray Valley club, where she has trained ever since under the inspiration and guidance of the club's founder, Joyce Macaulay, who says: "With her slim build and long legs, Natalie certainly has the right body shape for the sport. But she was also a hard worker and a perfectionist with a touch of impatience – which is always an advantage."

The appeal of the dance conflicted with the satisfaction of gymnastics until 1980, when Miss Davies achieved a *Daily Mirror* scholarship to the Soviet Union, where she trained with two top coaches, Vladmir Gurina and Mikhael Klimenko. Miss Davies says: "It was a turning point and my career took off." Soon after, she became a schools international and in the next year, a member of the senior British team. She also acquired a joint coach, Brian Dewhurst, a professional tightrope walker, who has boosted her confidence as a performer.

In 1981, an injured ankle checked her progress but she recovered in time to become runner-up in the 1982 national championships. She slipped back to sixth place last year but subsequently represented Britain in several major competitions, including the Budapest world championships.

Following her Olympic success, the unassuming Miss Davies was a strong contender in the British championship last month. After starting the final stage in fifth position, it seemed that she was out of the running, but with the consistency for which she is noted, she resolutely worked her way up the order to take the title by four-tenths of a mark.

Brown-eyed, with a wide puckish smile, she wants to improve her world ranking. To this end, she trains five nights a week, for a total of 18 hours. Once a month, she and Mrs Macaulay travel to the national gymnastics centre at Lilleshall for a training weekend with Colin Still and John Atkinson, the national coaches.

In December, she competes in the Coca-Cola international at Wembley, and next year in the European and world championships. She is already adapting her routines on the asymmetric bars (her favourite piece), beam and floor to allow for the changes in rules of performance which the Fédration Internationale de Gymnastique, the world governing body, are making next year.

When her competitive days are over, Miss Davies intends to pass on her experience as a coach. With the dedication to the sport which she has demonstrated so far, she must surely achieve success in this field as well.

Peter Aykroyd

Miss Davies springs to world acclaim

IN BRIEF

Miss Troke in England squad to face Korea

Helen Troke, beaten in the final of the British Airways badminton masters tournament at Portsmouth last weekend, was yesterday named in the national squad for a four-match series against Korea. The games take place in Farnborough, Mansfield, Darlington and Douglas, Isle of Man from October 29 - November 3.

ENGLAND: Men: M Yates, S Baddeley, S Butler, M Tredgett, A Goode, C Dobson, D Taylor. Women: N Perry, G Gilkes, H Troke, K Beckman, J Webster, G Clark.



Miss Troke: defeated

ATHLETICS: London's leading clubs have accepted an invitation to compete in a road race on Sunday organized by the former 10,000 metres runners Ron Clarke and David Bedford. The Zatopek round-the-Thames road relay, to be held annually, has been named after the great Czechoslovak runner Emil Zatopek.

POWERBOATING: Three more national records were broken on Windermere yesterday on the second day of a week of record attempts. Chris Applebee of Benfleet, Essex, recorded an average of 111.01mph to improve his own mark for the OD class of racing outboards (500-700cc). Andy Chesman, of Coventry raised his national record for the R2 class of racing inboards (1,000-1,500cc) to 110.74mph) and Robert Cooke of Weybridge, took his record for offshore class two boats to 100.55mph.

BASKETBALL: Bill Beswick, the England coach, has been invited to continue in the role until April 1985. Beswick, who will name England's world championship squad on Tuesday, coached the team to victory in the Commonwealth championship last year.

SHOW JUMPING: Nick Skelton, who leads the British rankings, is one of four English riders who will compete in America and Canada from October 21-November 17. The others are Robert Smith, John Whitaker and Tim Grubb.

GOLF: Dale Reid, of Scotland, who was joint second in the British Women's Open earlier this month, has withdrawn from the BMW/WPGA invitation tournament at Wentworth today because of a family bereavement. She is replaced by Christine Langford (Selsdon Park).

HOCKEY: Australia have named five new caps and a new captain and vice-captain in the squad to defend the champions' trophy in Pakistan in December. The changes follow Australia's disappointing fourth place in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles after winning every field tournament last year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

World Cup

Group One
Belgium v Albania (Brussels, 8.0)
Poland v Greece (Zabrze)

Group Two
West Germany v Sweden (Cologne, 8.15)

Group Three
England v Finland (Wembley, 7.45)

Group Five
Netherlands v Hungary (Rotterdam, 8.0)

Group Six
Norway v Republic of Ireland (Oslo, 7.0)
Switzerland v Denmark (Berne, 7.0)

Group Seven
Scotland v Iceland (Hampden Park, 8.0)
Spain v Wales (Seville, 9.0)

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Six: Switzerland v Denmark (Berne, 5.30). Group Eight: Belgium v Luxembourg (Brussels, 4.0)
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Luton.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Hyde.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Coventry (7.0); Sheffield United v Newcastle (7.0); Stoke v Liverpool (7.0); West Bromwich Albion v Nottingham Forest (7.0).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Dudley v Alvechurch; Folkestone v Canterbury; Milton Keynes v Aylesbury; Moor Green v Bedworth (at Alvechurch); RS Southampton v Dorchester; Rusnden v Cambridge City; Shepshed Charterhouse v Corby; Sutton Coldfield v Hednesford; VS Rugby v Leicester United; Wellingborough v King's Lynn; Welling v Dunstable; Willenhall v Oldbury.
FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Blue Star v Gateshead (3.45); Whitby v Ryhope Community Association; Buckingham v Heybridge Swifts; Alfreton v Buracough.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Alvechurch v Lye; Epsom and Ewell v Wokingham.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bury v Great Yarmouth; Chatteris v Stowmarket; Sudbury v Averhill.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
London Division v Australians (Twickenham, 4.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Newport (7.0); Bridgend v Swansea (7.15); Bristol v Clifton (7.15); Cardiff v Pontypool (7.15); Ebbw Vale v Gloucester (7.0); Maesteg v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Norwich v RAF; Plymouth Albion v Exeter University (7.15); Pontypridd v Aberavon (7.0); Tredegar v Newbridge (7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services v Public School Wanderers.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Challenge round: South-East: Kent v Surrey; Sussex v Imperial College, London; The City v Essex; University College, London v East Anglia.
DIVISIONAL MATCH: Ulster v North (Belfast, 7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE:

YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Featherstone Rovers v Hull Kingston Rovers.
FIRST DIVISION: St Helens v Halifax.

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: London League: Cambridge University v St Albans (2.45). Representative match: RMA Sandhurst v Army (2.30). UAU championship: Men's qualifying rounds: South-East: Kent v Surrey; Sussex v Imperial College, London; The City v Essex; University College, London v East Anglia. South-West: Bath v Bristol; Exeter v Reading. Women's qualifying rounds: South-East: Kent v Surrey; Sussex v Imperial College, London; The City v Essex; University College, London v East Anglia.
BOWLS: Superbowl tournament (Manchester).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix (Bristol).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Poole v Swindon

CURLING: A top-class rink is to be built in Glasgow in the space of seven days in time for the 1985 Air Canada Silver Broom championships next March.

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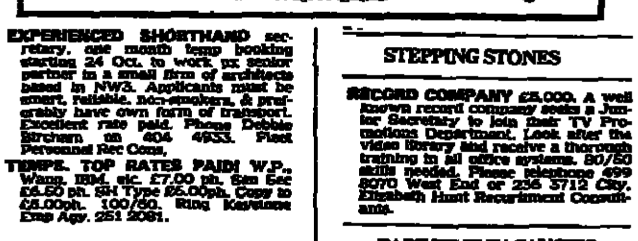
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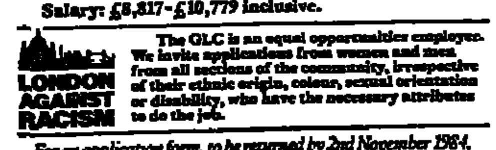
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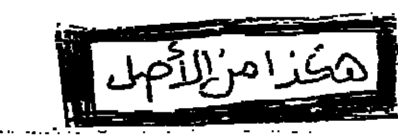
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Our priceless heritage: who will pay to save it?

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The fate of Britain's fine historic houses is mixed. Some, the smaller ones, remain as family homes for rich or dedicated owners, but many have to be converted to some other use to survive.

They are now hotels, institutions, flats or time-sharing units, but at least they still stand. Grovelands House at Southfield, Enfield, a Grade I listed house which is considered one of the finest Georgian mansions in Greater London, faces dereliction or possible demolition unless decisive action is taken soon at government level, according to SAVE Britain's Heritage.

This campaigning organization says that the owners, Enfield Area Health Authority, are seeking a sale price of up to £500,000 for the building. The only serious interest has come from developers wishing to build substantial extensions on the site, which Enfield Borough Council has resisted because they would ruin the setting of the house. The Council believes there is scope for only a very limited developement on adjacent land, and meanwhile "Grovelands is quietly rotting", SAVE says.

Grovelands was build in 1797 to the design of John Nash, architect of most of the splendid terraces around Regent's Park, with the grounds laid out by Humphry Repton. It was planned as an eighteenth century villa and is not too vast. It has been described as Nash's best classical mansion and the interior is remarkably intact.

After a period as a hospital, it was closed in 1977 and has since then stood empty and slowly decaying. Dry rot, which started in ancillary buildings, has now attacked the house seriously. Most of the surrounding park is already owned by the borough council, and local residents' groups have campaigned for the house to be acquired by the local authority for use as a museum.

The best interest

SAVE comments that Grovelands is as much a burden as an asset to the Health Authority, "which would be well advised to revise its estimates of the building's value in the light of its poor condition and limited development potential." The borough council has limited powers, in view of the Crown status of the authority, to ensure that the house is properly maintained, and SAVE urges the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security to ensure that the bodies for which he is responsible act "not only in their own best interest but in the wider public interest."

Grovelands House remains to have its future decided. Clearly it must be saved. A number of listed and historic buildings on the market now shows the variety of ways in which these buildings can remain in use.

Grovelands House, Enfield, London, a Grade I Georgian house in danger of dereliction or demolition unless a new use can be found for it.

Kneesworth Hall, by the village of Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth, near Cambridge, was built in 1908 by the then Sydney Holland, later Viscount Knutsford, from designs by the London architect Roland Plumbe. The Grade II listed mansion, set in 47 acres, was a private house intil 1940, since when it has been used as a school.

The Hall has had later additions, but the main building includes 6,930 square feet on the ground floor, 29 bedrooms and two flats. In addition there are four classroom blocks, 13 staff dwellings and a gymnasium. Savills' Cambridge office are offering the property for sale by tender on November 16 and are thinking of a price ranging from £500,000 to £1m depending on the use to which it is put. They believe it could be a high tech research and development establishment, hotel, hospital, art gallery, exhibition centre or religious institution.

Cornwallis House, in Clifton, Bristol, was built in 1753 for a Bristol attorney, Henry Hobhouse. It is a very large house, and was later used as one of the lodging houses needed to house the fashionable and ailing people who came to drink the spa waters.

The House, a Grade II listed building, with a 1930s west wing, was more recently a school until 1982. Occupying a grand site in Clifton, the House was acquired by Pearce Homes of Bristol, who have carried out an extensive and expensive renovation programme while converting it to 21 apartments of one, two and three bedrooms. Many of the original features remain, including an oak staircase, carved wood showcases and marble fireplaces.

All the flats are spacious, particularly those in the older part of the House, and they range in price from £42,000 to £86,000, each of them interestingly different. Details can be obtained from Pearce Homes, Parklands Stoke, Gifford, Bristol, or Hartnell Taylor Cook of The Mall, Clifton, Bristol.

Another prospective conversion to flats is Dane Court, Tilmanstone, near Deal, Kent, a sixteenth century house which has recently been restored and modernized. At some point it was given as a wedding present to Edward Royde Rice and Elizabeth Knight, niece of Jane Austen.

Dane Court has planning permission to convert two flooors of the main house into five flats, and there is the possibility of converting the ground floor into three flats with mews cottages at the rear, say Humberts, who are asking £400,000.

Walton Hall, near Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, a Grade II listed building designed in the mid-nineteenth century by Sir George Gilbert Scott, has recently been a hotel and is now converted to 43 self-catering timeshare apartments and a health farm. It has been developed in this new use by Graham Maynard, who has been busy developing in Spain, and has now formed Walton Hall Limited to sell the apartments, set in 65 acres of gardens. Details can be obtained from David Pembroke Partnership, 173 Wardour Street, London W1.

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■ Jackie Collins, authoress of novels that almost smoulder in your hands, is selling her five-bedroom house in Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood. The house, which has a sauna, gold fittings in the bathrooms and extensive gardens, is expected to fetch about £425,000 through Bargets of Park Road, Regent's Park.

Kew-on-Thames

■ Zachary House, a riverside house at Strand on the Green near Kew Bridge, is for sale through Chestertons of Kensington High Street, London W8, who are asking for offers over £450,000. It began as two cottages in the early 1700s which towards the end of the century were converted into a single dwelling, bought in 1797 by Anne Marie Zachary. Accommodation in this house, situated in a conservation area, includes a principal bedroom and bathroom, five further bedrooms and two bathrooms, three reception rooms, a self-contained one-bedroom flat, and a walled garden.

■ **St Mary's, Bramber, near Steyning, one of the finest late fifteenth century, timber-frame buildings in Sussex, is on the market after the sale of the National Butterfly Museum which was housed there. The Grade I listed house, built in the 1470s, has five bedrooms, large reception rooms and a three-bedroom flat. Strutt and Parker's Lewes office are asking for offers over £150,000.**

How gardens grow

■ Gardens are growing smaller as more people demand one. According to a Mintel survey, 86 per cent of adults have access to a garden, but one in five is less than 200 square feet and fewer than one quarter are more than 2,000 square feet.

At the same time, the sale of power tools to tend gardens continues to increase and the result of that is more leisure time. This is reflected in the growth of garden furniture, which is expected to reach £50m in 1984. The survey shows that 42 per cent of homes own a patio set, the same proportion have a sun lounger, 39 per cent have folding garden chairs and 29 per cent have upholstered garden chairs, while 21 per cent have a hammock and 20 per cent a garden umbrella.



In the 1850s Lord Barringdon and his wife returned from their honeymoon in Switzerland determined to build a replica of the chalet in which they stayed. Swiss Cottage, Northford, Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, was the result and is now for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Hungerford office which is seeking offers around £65,000. The cottage, which became a playhouse for the Barringdon children, has four bedrooms and two reception rooms and requires modernization. The brick built cottage, faced with ornamental rough-cut timber with a thatched roof, has about three-quarters of an acre of land, with possible planning consent for a single dwelling

Right time, right place

The search for the best time to sell your house is a tempting but elusive goal, particularly since the best time to sell – whenever it is – is probably not the best time to buy.

One possible answer to the search, however, comes from Tim Blenkin, director of the York office of Jackson-Stops and Staff. His conclusion is that for many people wishing to sell their house, the time to act is now. On the premise that the buyer of a house costing £60,000 to £120,000 is likely to be a married man moving to a new job, he will want to ensure that his children are in their new schools at the start of the academic year and will therefore aim to complete his purchase by August. So he will want to have exchanged contracts in June/July, having agreed terms in May or June, and started looking in February or March.

This progression coincides with the acknowledged prime time for selling – March to June, and Mr Blenkin says in that case, the illustrated details of the property will need to be prepared the preceding autumn "while there are leaves on the trees and blue skies to provide suitably flattering photographs. And to be honest, September and October are good months to call in your agent with a view to a sale next year. We tend to be quieter than in the hectic spring months, and are glad of the extra time to make a thorough job of setting up a sale."

This must be the season for giving advice, because Mr Peter Marwick of Savills is offering suggestions for "the perfect purchaser". He is one who is able to proceed, either with cash in hand or a signed contract on the sale of his existing property, but unfortunately for estate agents he does not often materialize.

He advises buyers to work out how much they can afford, not forgetting fees for removal, lawyers and estate agents and then decide where to live. That seems obvious, but Mr Marwick adds: "It is surprising the number of prospective purchasers who are apparently willing to spend time and money inspecting homes in areas which they subsequently decide are too far from their place of employment or from schools, bus services and other essential amenities."

A recent prospective buyer told Savills he wanted a property between Norwich, Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds to be within reach of his work. "We later learned that he purchased a house in north Wales", a Savills executive said. "We are still wondering where he works."

More seriously, Mr Marwick advises against over-ambition. Remember older properties need more maintenance, that an acre of garden needs a lot of work, that if you want a rural home do not expect all the main services and that if you want all the services on your doorstep, expect to hear traffic noise.

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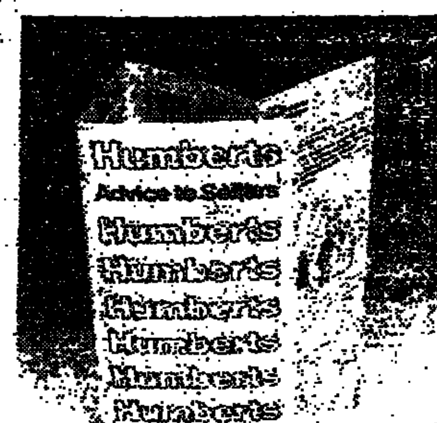
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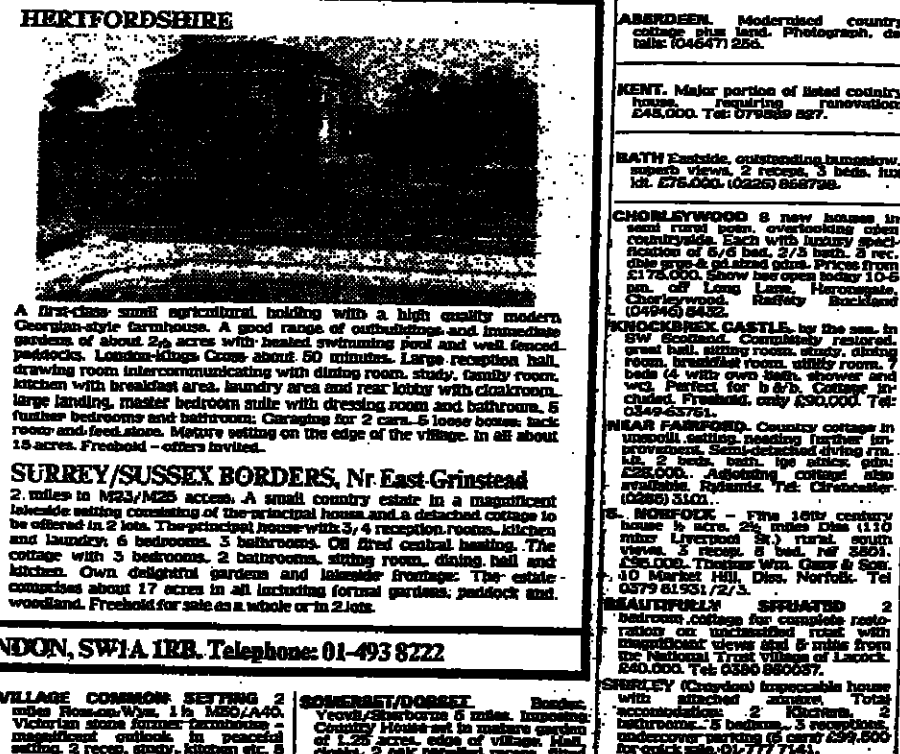
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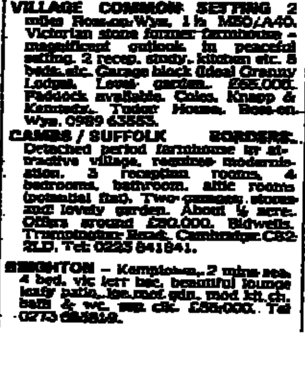
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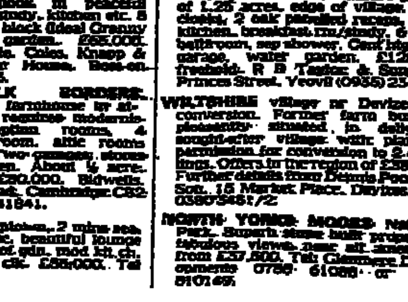
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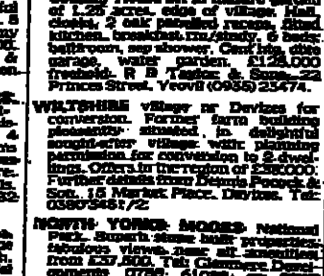
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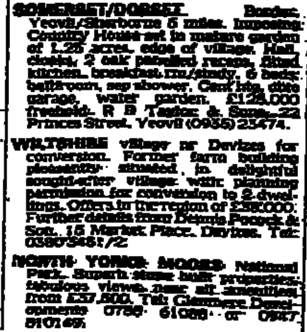
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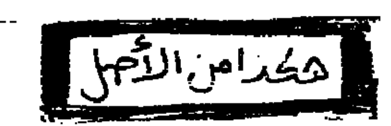
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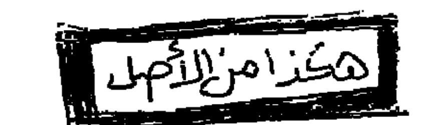
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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Mike Smith has news of the new Top Twenty, and the guest of the day is comedian Kelly Monteith.
9.00 The Yugoslav Way. The first of six programmes about life in Yugoslavia during the mid-Seventies (r). 9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Wayne Jackman (r).
10.50 Gharbar. This week's magazine programme for Asian women includes a discussion on special facilities available to Asians in selected libraries. With Parveen Mirza in the studio are librarians Hisam Mukaddam, Aruna Shah and Kirti Srivastava. 11.15 Ceefax.
12.30 News After Noon with Michael Cole and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes advice on cooking with herbs; an item on cassette recordings of literary classics; and music from the Chilean folk group, Inti Illimani 1.45 Gran (r). 1.50 Stop-Go! (r).
2.00 Writers' Houses. Hugh Casson at the north Oxfordshire home of Flora Thompson (r).
2.15 Film: Marine Raiders* (1944) starring Robert Ryan and Pat O'Brien. Second World War drama about a pair of tough US Marines whose love-life is interrupted by the Japanese. Directed by Harold Schuster. 3.40 The Blue Racer. 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas. 4.10 SuperTed. 4.15 Jackanory. Michael Palin reads his own story, Small Harry and the Toothache Pills. 4.30 Screen Test. Cinematic recall competition between teams from Dyfed and Cumbria. 4.55. John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Think of a Number, presented by Johnny Ball.
5.30 The Good Life. It's harvest time in rural Surbiton (r). 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Points of View. Barry Took with another selection of viewers' letters.
7.05 Hotline. The live 'phone-in personal column, presented by Chris Tarrant and Mary Parkinson.
8.00 No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood.
8.30 Cold Warrior. Spy series starring Michael Denison as the conscientious spy catcher, Captain Percival. (Ceefax).
9.00 News with John Humphrys.
9.25 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter includes reports on the home countries efforts at the first hurdle of the course that leads to the World Cup football competition in Mexico: highlights of London Division's rugby union match against the Australians; and boxing from last night's Barrett/Duff promotion.
11.00 Film: Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid (1973) starring James Coburn, Kris Kristofferson and Bob Dylan. The first showing on British television for this typically brutal Peckinpah-directed western about civilization reaching the furthest outposts of the United States despite opposition from outlaws.
12.40 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.45 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34; Tom Jackson remembers at 8.43; Roddy Llewellyn's gardening advice at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: The microchip 9.47 The art of survival 10.04 Chemistry: spectrophotometry 10.21 English: It's My Life, by Robert Leeson 10.48 Sand movement on coastal dunes 11.10 How a busy road is resurfaced 11.22 A journey to the centre of the earth 11.39 Families face illness and unemployment.
12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with another musical story for the very young. 12.10 Our Backyard prepares for a jumble sale. 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news with Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback.
2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan cooks Welsh rarebit in home-brewed lager and chicken in white wine with tomatoes.
3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters. More steamy drama about the Palmer and Hamilton families.
4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Rub a Dub Dub. A new series of animated up-dated nursery rhymes. 4.20 Sam's Luck. Part four of the serial about a family of parentless brothers and sisters. 4.50 Hold Tight! The final programme of the series and the guests include Spandau Ballet and BMX champion, Andy Ruffell, 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of COMBAT, a self-help group for those suffering from Huntington's Chorea and their families.
6.35 Crossroads. Miranda Pollard tells Dr Wilcox a lie in order to keep a date with Douglas Brady.
7.00 Name that Tune. Fast moving musical recognition game presented by Lionel Blair.
7.30 Coronation Street. Bet Lynch meets Betty Turpin's new lodger (Oracle).
8.00 This Is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews begins a new series of the eternally-popular programme of potted biographies.
8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons. The man of many faces begins a new series of comedy impersonations.
9.00 Minder: The Long Ride Back to Scratchwood. Arthur is tempted to buy 2,000 tickets for the England/Scotland football match for a mere £18,000 when he is told they have a street value of £50,000 or thereabouts. But the king of the ticket touts gets to hear of the deal. (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Midweek Sports Special includes reports on the World Cup qualifying matches, involving the home countries and a profile of Steve Cauthen, the American jockey who looks set to win this year's championship.
11.40 The Electric Theatre Show. The story of top animal trainer Jimmy Chipperfield and his circus.
12.10 Night Thoughts from Dr Roger Williamson.

Greta Garbo: A Woman of Affairs (Channel 4, 9.00 pm)

● Without Garbo, Channel Four's season of *Thames Silents* would have been like a tour of Rome without St Peter's, roast lamb without mint sauce, Laurel without Hardy. If Marion Davies and Lillian Gish were the high-water marks, Garbo in A WOMAN OF AFFAIRS (9.00pm) is the flood itself. Not that Clarence Brown's movie about love, honour and pride (it has a dialogue title that manages to squeeze all three in) ever rises much above the level of glossy romantic nonsense. It is just that whenever Garbo is on the screen, even lighting a cigarette, let alone hugging a bunch of sick-room roses to her breast in a gesture that is as affecting as anything in *Camille*, there is a very special kind of movie magic at work. Enhancing that magic, as in all four of the *Thames Silents*, is the musical score of Carl Davis.

CHOICE

● THE FORGOTTEN PRISONERS (BBC 2, 8.10pm), David Henshaw's harrowing report for *Brass Tacks*, allows us no respite from the recital of Turkish torture stories which, for readers of *The Times*, began on Monday morning with Caroline Moorehead's Prisoners of Conscience article. Most of the accounts of torture in tonight's film are sickening, and one blanches at the thought that what was left out was probably much worse than what has been left in. But Mr Henshaw's brief is not limited to exploring the fiendish ingenuity of the Turkish military authorities in trying to make their victims talk. He poses the question that many of us, reading *The Times* on Monday and watching *Brass Tacks* tonight, will ask ourselves: is it for the sake of Western defence that Turkey's fellow nations in Nato and the Council of Europe continue to turn a blind eye to this systematic brutality?

● Nobody in *The Forgotten Prisoners* dares to justify torture. Not so Stephen Dunstone's tragi-comedy WHO IS SYLVIA? (Radio 3, 7.30pm), which is set in a medical research laboratory. This is a remarkable play that, in mood, swings between the horribly cruel, the outrageously funny, and the touchingly sensitive. I have vivid memories of it from its first transmission, and nothing will prevent me from listening to it again. If you need a further incentive to tune in to John Tydeman's production, let me remind you of its cast: Michael Alridge, Anna Massey, Nigel Hawthorne, Martin Jarvis, and Frances Jeater.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.10 Daytime on Two: Technology in modern industry – forging 9.38 Analysing 10.00 You and Me. For the very young 10.15 Maths: fractions 10.38 Maths: trigonometry 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.17 Music: vocal sounds 11.38 Biotechnology – a growth business.
12.05 Russia's language and its people 12.30 Enterprising young people 12.55 The final programme in the series on the Youth Training Scheme 1.21 France 1.38 Dairy and beef farming 2.00 Captain Cook in the Arctic 2.18 The landscapes of the River Tees 2.40 Part five of The Arabs (Ceefax).
3.00 Dallas: J. R. decides to dig into the past of his future stepfather: Bobby buys Jenna a boutique; and Peter acquires a love nest for himself and, he hopes, Sue Ellen (r) (Ceefax).
3.45 The Natural World: Secret Harvesters. Part two of the series about the wildlife on a Devon farm (r).
4.35 Pranks. A Forty Minutes programme about the burgeoning business of joke telegrams for all occasions (r).
5.15 Cartoon: Counterfeit Cat, made by Tex Avery.
5.25 News summary with subtitles.
5.30 16 Up – The YTS Report. The second programme in a series about the Youth Training Scheme.
6.00 I Can Jump Puddles. Part seven of the drama serial based on the autobiographical novels of Alan Marshall, an Australian, crippled by polio when young (r).
6.50 Harold Lloyd* Excerpts from two of the comedian's classic films – The Freshman, released in 1925, in which he is his college football team's hero of the hour and Millionaire which chronicles his rise to fame and fortune (r).
7.15 Ebony 84. A new series of the magazine programme for Britain's black communities begins with guests Lenny Henry, Jimmy Ruffin and a report from Linda Mitchell about the black mining families of Nottingham.
7.45 My Music. Steve Race sets the questions for this lighthearted test of musical knowledge between Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden and Ian Wallace (r).
8.10 Brass Tacks: The Forgotten Prisoners. (see Choice).
9.00 Dear Ladies. Hinge and Bracket embark on a caravan holiday – with predictably comic results. Starring Patrick Fyffe and George Logan.
9.30 The Sea of Faith. Don Cupitt ends his series on the reasons for the present crisis of religious faith with an examination of the thoughts of Ludwig Wittgenstein (Ceefax).
10.20 International Tennis. Desmond Lynam introduces coverage of the final of the Sunbeam Mixed Masters.
11.00 Newsnight. Ends at 11.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: A Run for Your Money* (1949) starring Alec Guinness, Donald Houston and Meredith Edwards. Ealing comedy about the misadventures of two Welsh miners who win tickets for the rugby international against England at Twickenham. In London for the big match they manage to lose their way, money and innocence. Directed by Charles Friend.
4.00 A Plus 4. Magazine programme presented by Mavis Nicholson and Gill Nevill.
4.30 Countdown. The third quarterfinal of the Championship of Champions is between the number six seed, Russell Byers of Selby and his fellow Yorkshireman, Leeds University student Andrew Guy, the number three seed.
5.00 Alice. The comedy series based on the film Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore, continues with the well-meaning but accident prone Phoenix, Arizona, waitress playing the role of a marriage guidance counsellor when she meets a fashion photographer whose wife believes he is a philanderer.
5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. The faithful Mary rushes to defend her boss when he is threatened with the sack because of a fall in the ratings. Her efforts at organising a strike leads to her being summoned before the station's owner – an eccentric millionaire and former cowboy actor.
6.00 Opinions. Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner (r).
6.30 The Living Body. The fifth programme in the series exploring the inner workings of the human body examines how the body grows.
7.00 Channel Four News.
7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by Plaid Cymru general secretary, Dafydd Williams.
8.00 Scotland's Story. Part 11 of the 24 episode series on the history of Scotland and the Scots, covers the period 1707 to 1754.
8.30 Diverse Reports. The weekly current affairs programme tonight examines the claim that picket-line violence is the cause of organisational changes in the structure of the police force that have led to the creation of a national riot squad.
9.00 Silent Classics: A Woman of Affairs* (1928) starring Greta Garbo (see Choice).
10.50 Visions. A new series of the cinema magazine programme includes a preview of the Tyneside Film Festival's Vietnamese season; a comedy short from Belgium; and a review of the month's releases by director Peter Wollen.
11.45 The Booker McConnell Prize – A Look Forward. A preview of tomorrow's award.
12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. †Denotes stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather: 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.37 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Hertfordshire.
10.30 Morning Story: "Corruption" by Penelope Lively. Read by Elizabeth Proud.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 84).†
11.00 News; Travel; Another Hero of Those Times. The life of the great essayist Leigh Hunt. With Paul Rogers as Hunt (r).
11.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson challenges some beliefs we take for granted. 2: Bad Day at Guernica (r).
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.
12.27 No Place to Hide by Ted Allbeury, abridged in eight parts (2) (r). †12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The guest of the week is the journalist and author Anthony Sampson. There is also the seventh episode of The Tiger and the Rose.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Queen Lucia. Part three of Aubrey Wood's five-part adaptation of the comic novel by E. F. Benson, starring Barbara Jefford as the "queen bee" of an English village. With Jonathan Cecil, Fabia Drake and Jane Wenham (r).†
3.47 Time for Verse: poems about love. Selected by Liz Lochhead. Read by John Shedden and Finlay Welsh.
4.00 News; File on 4.
4.40 Story Time: "Mr Stone and the Knight's Companion" by V. S. Naipaul (5). Read by Bill Wallis.
5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News: Financial Report.
6.30 Top of the Form. North (2). Harrogate Granby High School versus City of Leeds School.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Your Move or Mine? Bill Bracon and Tom Tickell open the door on the housing world. Tonight: Time-sharing.
7.45 Kipling Round the World. Marghanita Laski follows Kipling's travels and explores the world he brought to life in his writings (4) "Africa."
8.15 In Business. News, views and stories from the business world, with Peter Hobday. Included tonight: company shares for workers.
8.45 Analysis. Interview with Viscount Etienne Davignon, European Commissioner for industrial affairs and energy. He and Mary Goldring discuss trade and technology, protectionism and politics in Europe.
9.30 A Talent to Amuse. A lighthearted look at the life and music of Noel Coward (6). Presenter; Sheridan Morley.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Blockheads, at the Mermaid, the film Where the Green Ants Dream, Lar Loubovitch at Sadler's Wells: and the Le Douanier Rousseau exhibition at the Grand Palais in Paris.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" by Margaret Craven (8). Read by Garrick Hagon. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, incl. 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 A Sideways Look At ... by Anthony Smith.
12.00 News; weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England & S. Wales only). Radio 4 vhf s as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together. 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop. 11.40. Contact. 11.55 Songs from "Something to Think About." 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Something to Think About. 2.15 Quest. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry). 2.45 Nature. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: A vous la France! (2). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Deutsch fur die Oberstufe (5 & 6).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Glinka's Jota Aragonesa (Spanish Overture No 1) Howells's Concerto for strings; Moszkowski's Spanish Dances, Op 12.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Bach's (arranged Bachrich) Prelude and Gavotte (Partita in E major, BWV 1006; Schumann's Fantasiestucke, Op 111 (Arrau, piano); Ireland's A Downland Suite; Hummel's Mandolin Concerto in G minor (Andre Saint-Clivier, soloist).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Gluck. Act 2 of the opera Orphee et Eurydice. Hans Rosbaud conducts Lamoureux Orchestra and Roger Blanchard Vocal Ensemble. Soloists: Leopold Simoneau, Suzanne Danco.†
10.00 La Grande Ecurie et La Chambre du Roi: Jannequin's La Bataille de Marignan; Vivaldi's Concerto in G, RV 532: Giovanni Gabrieli's Canzon No 5; Vivaldi's Concerto in F Op 10 No 1 (La tempesta di mare); Giovanni Gabrieli's Canzon No 6.†
10.40 Ravel: Fairfield Quartet play the Quartet in F.†
11.10 BBC Welsh SO: (with Jansons conducting.) Manus May (cello). Wagner's Prelude and Liebestod (Tristan and Isolde); Dvorak's Cello Concerto.†
12.15 Concert Hall: Andrew Marriner (clarinet), Paul Barritt (violin), Alan Gravill (piano). Bartok's Contrasts; and Khachaturian's Trio.†1.00 News.
1.05 Jazz: Benny Goodman (2). The Rise to Fame. On records.
1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra (Wright conducting), with William Young (baritone) and Michael McGuffin (piano). James Langley's Overture and Beginners; Vaughan Williams songs including The Vagabond; Warlock's Serenade (for Frederick Delius). Constant Lambert's Suite Horoscope: Herbert Hughes songs including *O men from the fields*; and Grieg's Homage March (Sigurd Jorsalfar).†
2.30 Janacek and Kodaly: Lowri Blake (cello) and Janice Dawson (piano). Janacek's Pohadka (A Fairy Tale), and Kodaly's Sonata Op. 4.†
3.05 Famous Lives: The younger Johann Strauss's Artist's Life Waltz Op 136; and Richard Strauss's A Hero's Life Op 40 (Silverstein, violin).†
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections.†
6.30 Debut: Michelle Lee (flute) with Timothy Carey (piano). Berkeley's Sonatina; Messiaen's Le merle noir; Frank Martin's Ballade.†
7.00 Debussy: Delme String Quartet play the String Quartet in G minor.†
7.30 Play: Who is Sylvia? By Stephen Dunstone. A second chance to hear this tragi-comedy starring Michael Aldridge, Nigel Hawthorne, Martin Jarvis and Anna Massey. The setting is a research laboratory. Some of the characters are insects. (r)
8.45 A Mozart Concert: English Chamber Orchestra (Perahia at the piano, directing), and English Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble. Wind Serenade in E flat K 375; Piano Concerto No 25, K 503.†Part one.†
9.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. Presented by Ian McDougall.
10.05 A Mozart Concert: part two. Piano Concerto No 9.†
10.45 Ladies Lost and Found: New free verse translation by Terence Tiller of Chaucer's two poems The Book of the Duchess and The House of Fame. With Martin Jarvis as Chaucer. Music by Michael Berkeley. 1. The Wakeful Poet.†
11.00 Shura Cherkassky: piano recital from Studio 7, Manchester. Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No 2; Mendelssohn's Prelude and Fugue in E minor Op 35 No 1: Stravinsky's Three movements from Petrushka; Danse Russe; Chez Petrushka; La semaine grasse; Johann Strauss the younger's (transcribed Godowsky) Wine, Woman and Song.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

4.00 am Colin Berry† 5.30 Ray Moore† 7.30 Terry Wogan †including 8.31 Racing 10.00 Jimmy Young† 12.00 pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sports Desk 2.00 Gloria Hunniford† including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk 3.30 Music All The Way† 4.00 Martin Stanford† including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF Only) 7.30 International Soccer Special. Live coverage from Wembley on the match between England and Finland 10.00 The Golden Years. Presented by Alan Keith 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00 Bill Rennells presents Nightride† 3.00 Broadway Babes 7: Elaine Stritch† 3.30-4.00 Forbes Robinson Sings†

Radio 1

6.00 am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates 12.00 pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.30 Steve Wright 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 am John Peel† VHF Radios 1 & 2 4.00 am With Radio 2 8.00 pm Lyrics on Several Occasions. Andre Previn presents a selection of stage and screen lyrics. 8.30 Romantic Strings. Marjorie Lofthouse introduces the music of John Fox and his Orchestra 9.15 Listen To the Band. Charlie Chester with brass and military music 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 With Radio 1 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2

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6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Omnibus 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Report On Religion 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Talking About Music. 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass 10.00 News Summary 10.01 With Respect, Ambassador 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Letter From shandong 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Traveller's Tales. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Incredible Flautists. 3.30 Dad's Army 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 News Summary. 9.01 Network UK 9.15 International soccer special. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from shandong. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Dad's Army. 1.00 News Summary. 1.00 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A New Order For International Human Rights. 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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THE TIMES

Dr Runcie speaks to Brittan on race fear

By Clifford Longley

A Church of England deputation led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, saw Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, yesterday to tell him that the British Nationality Act was having an adverse effect on race relations.

Also yesterday, a Roman Catholic report criticized what it said was insufficient awareness of the implications of a multiracial society within the church, and proposed Roman Catholic sponsorship for an experimental "multi-faith" school.

The Anglican visit to the Home Office followed a motion passed by the general synod last February, which was part of the continuing campaign by churchmen against the Act.

Dr Runcie told the Home Secretary that the church was concerned at the effect of the Act on families and individuals, and he outlined steps the Government might take to alleviate those difficulties. Mr Brittan replied explaining what had already been done in those respects, mentioning an internal Home Office review which had aired some criticisms. The church deputation acknowledged that the Home Office was looking for improvements.

Dr Runcie said afterwards that Mr Brittan had offered to let church representatives visit the immigration service at Heathrow and other centres to see it at work.

The report of a working party on Roman Catholic education in a multi-racial society concluded, after a survey of 50 schools, that little was being done in predominantly white schools to combat prejudice against racial prejudice.

The four seminaries visited lacked an explicit commitment to training priests for coping with a racially and culturally diverse society, the working party said; although it added that two had addressed the question of non-christian religions seriously.

Some students from overseas at those colleges had complained that they were made to feel that they were outsiders, and the working party asked seminary authorities to look at themselves critically in the light of such comments.

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Soviet submarine under repair



Collision victim: The Soviet nuclear submarine, her bows badly damaged, awaits repair work at Hammamet, Tunisia.

The full extent of the damage caused to a Soviet nuclear submarine in a recent collision in the Straits of Gibraltar is shown in a new photograph of the boat undergoing emergency repairs in the Mediterranean.

The collision between the Victor 1 class nuclear attack submarine and a Soviet cargo ship has caused a dispute between Spain and the Soviet Union. The Spanish Government wants to know why the submarine passed through the straits under water, contrary to the Geneva Convention of 1958 which insists all vessels there should travel on the surface.

The British magazine *Jane's Defence Weekly*, has acquired a photograph of the submarine being repaired in Hammamet, Tunisia.

She was probably travelling very close to the Soviet surface vessel when they collided, moving in her "noise shadow" *to make sonar detection difficult*.

Tebbit talks of bomb 'horror'

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pie" has been used to describe his manner as he recovers from the injuries and shock he sustained. But that did not apply yesterday. He did not appear dispirited, and had rare flashes of humour, but it was apparent that the worry over the injuries of his wife weighed heavily on him.

He said: "I have got several broken ribs. I am sure somebody knows how many, but I haven't bothered to count. They have been quite painful, however, and I have got a deep cut on my left side.

It is a bit slow to heal, because you cannot hust bandage it up. I simply have to sit here and ooze. But overall I am not in too much pain."

Mr Tebbit occasionally had to sip from a glass of water as he spoke with a slightly shaky, croaking voice.

"I never thought that last Tuesday night, when in a speech I referred to the National Health Service as the lynchpin in action supporting me and all the others who were hurt."

Mr Tebbit, who makes daily visits to his wife, was asked when he was likely to be back in action at the department. "It partly depends how Margaret gets on", he said. "She is pretty cheerful considering the circumstances. The doctors tell me it will be several weeks before we know to what extent she will recover or remain handicapped. It is just something where there is no point in even speculating."

He paid tribute to the police, firemen and other emergency services who rescued him and the others who were trapped. "They are marvellous people and it reminds one again how, when you have an emergency, everybody pulls together." He also praised the work of all the hospital staff.

In a message to his constituents in Chingford, Mr Tebbit said he would be unable to respond to their letters to him before the explosion because they had been lost in the rubble. "But if it was important then I suggest they should write again".

The rule set before I was admitted was that I must not question Mr Tebbit at all about the actual explosion and his thoughts and feelings while he was trapped. And it was plain, from his demeanour that he *wanted to keep away from the* subject.

Mob of 50 attacked woman sergeant

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Police said that up to 300 people had been trying to take coal, and 19 of them are to appear before Barnsley magistrates tomorrow.

Police were stoned and barricades erected across approach roads to the colliery, but the real trouble began early next morning and yesterday south Yorkshire police issued their timetable of the main trouble.

Monday:

***7 am:* Lorries loading coal at the colliery came under a barrage of stones from a gang of youths and police were called out, but by the time they arrived the trouble had fizzled out.**

***8 am:* Lorries at the yard were again stoned and their drivers fled. A coal board mechanical loader was also abandoned by its frightened driver, and then set alight and destroyed by the gang.**

***12.50 pm:* Grimethorpe police station, a detached house on Nancy Road, behind the Red Rum public house, was stoned by a mob. The building was *unmanned at the time and six* windows were broken.**

***2.10 pm:* Sergeant Smith and Police Constable Ernest Webster, aged 41, arrived at the station with two joiners to supervise repair work. Seventy youths gathered outside and began throwing stones. Every window in the building was smashed, and internal fittings damaged.**

Sergeant Smith ordered her colleague and the joiners to make a run for it. "We shot through the back door, jumped the fence, and started running across the field at the back", she said.

"I heard shouting and glanced back, and saw at least 50 of them running after us. Then the stones started coming. I was brought down by a rugby tackle. It was terrifying. I was kicked twice, and then *one of the youths said: 'It's a* woman. We don't want women.' I was kicked again, and then they ran off after Constable Webster."

4 pm: A crowd again gathered at the local colliery and threw stones at the control room, smashing windows.

11 pm: As the public houses emptied police reported gangs of youths breaking shop windows in the village high street. There were seven arrests and five policemen were injured.

1.15 am: Police were called to Grimethorpe colliery, where an *attempt had been made to burn* down the manager's office.

Letter from Hamburg

Tributes to an ace sleuth's gullibility

They studiously avoided each other as they stood around in the lofty marble corridor waiting for the court session to begin: the one a former reporter, gullible, eccentric and inept who paced up and down, smoking, abstracted, occasionally talking to his lawyer; the other a bright-eyed, wise-cracking con artist who revelled in the television lights and his notoriety.

But Herr Gerd Heidemann, the reporter, and Herr Konrad Kujau had between them fooled respectable academics and experienced editors to pull off one of the greatest hoaxes of all time, by forging and peddling 60 volumes of Hitler's long-lost diaries. Somewhere along the line, the hapless *Stern* magazine had lost *DM 9m (£2.4m)*.

Herr Kujau had no qualms about boasting to the knot of spectators casually gathered around him of his mastery of the Führer's hand. I told him *The Times* had been particularly interested in the diaries.

"You should have come *straight to me", he said.* "I could have written some good ones for you".

It has been hard to take the trial seriously. The bizarre revelations have been as incredible as the diaries themselves, and the indulgent, silver haired chairman of the panel of seven judges has had trouble controlling the hilarity. The initial sessions have included the appearance of a Hitler double (an unemployed house painter from Stuttgart), a slide show of Herr Heidemann's Aladdin's cave of Nazi memorabilia – including, unaccountably, Idi Amin's outsize underpants – barebreasted pinups in army uniform by Herr Kujau, who had naturally signed them "A. Hitler", and general commotion when one of the judges had to be replaced for sleeping *through the entire proceedings.*

Herr Heidemann and Herr Kujau have both given their evidence, as has Herr Kujau's roly-poly common-law wife, who set up with him over his Stuttgart uniform and memorabilia shop and who is jointly accused of fraud. It was now the turn of Herr Fritz Stiefel, a slight, 55-year-old Stuttgart businessman and Third Reich nut.

He seemed to have bought unquestioningly anything Herr Kujau could forge or *procure – swastikas, flags,* medals, manuscripts, portraits and even, incredibly, Hitler's dental charts. Herr Kujau had toyed with the idea of offering for sale an opera written by Hitler, but gave this up as too time-consuming – he would first have to learn music.

The sums involved were enormous. Did they amount to DM300,000, Herr Heidemann's counsel wanted to know? Herr Stiefel could not, or would not, remember. What did he pay for *Mein Kampf* – DM22,000? What else did he find in Herr Kujau's shop, what paintings: any Rembrandts, Rubens? No, replied Herr Stiefel gravely.

Herr Heidemann's defence counsel believes all this money can be traced to Herr Kujau, and the trail will eventually lead to the missing *Stern* millions, thus clearing Herr Heidemann of embezzlement.

Would Herr Stiefel say he gave Herr Fischer, Herr Kujau's alias in his business dealings, a total of DM2m? "You must be joking". Herr Heidemann sat silent, every *word a tribute to his gullibility.*

Now to the diaries themselves. When did Herr Stiefel first hear of their existence, and how many were there? "It was about nine years ago. I remember talk then of six or seven." Did he talk about them to Mr David *Irving*, the British historian? No. Did he not wonder that something like this had supposedly come out from East Germany? No, they were meant to have been hidden. What about the wax seal on them: did Herr Stiefel recognize this as the same emblem as on his other Nazi objects?

The afternoon session consisted of another slide show, this time a view of the treasures that Herr Stiefel had amassed since he began collecting in 1972. An oil portrait of Rommel was flashed on to the screen. "Ach ja," remarked Herr Kujau, recognizing another of his works. "Here we have a genuine 'Kujau,'" the judge remarked drily.

But, sooner or later, some sharp questions will be posed to witnesses who are far from eager to be seen in such company: the publishers and executives of *Stern* who gave Herr Heidemann the go-ahead and the huge sums to pursue his quest.

Michael Binyon

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne attends the annual Service for Seafarers in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral, South Glamorgan, 2.45.

Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, attends the annual cocktail party at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 6.50.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, attends the Queen's Nursing Institute annual open meeting, London, 2.25

The Duchess of Kent attends the 1986 World Cup qualifying match, England v Finland, Wembley Stadium, 7.30.

Princess Alexandra attends a Charity Gala Night, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, at Blazers, Windsor, 7.30.

New exhibitions

Headhunters, Fantastic Faces: Art Gallery, Union St, Oldham; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Tues 10 to 1, Sat 10 to 4; (ends Nov 17).

Paintings by Peter Curran; Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyds St, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30; (ends Nov 9).

Drawings, prints and photographs by Trevor Grimshaw; The Looking Glass, Gallery of Modern Arts, 53 Halifax Rd, Todmorden; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30; (ends Nov 10).

Exhibitions in progress

Major International Dolls House exhibition; Longleat House, Warminster, Wilts; Mon to Sun 10 to 6 (ends Oct 28).

Room for Thought; eight works by Hilary Lane; The Cooper Gallery, Church St, Barnsley, Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, closed Mon (ends Oct 1).

Etchings, drawings and photographs from World War II by James McBey War Artist, Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museum, School; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Nov 30).

Music

Piano recital by Philip Mead; Gardner Centre for the Arts, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, 7.45.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45.

Recital by Isabelle Flory (violin) and Robin Colvill (*piano*); Queen's Hall, Lairthwaite *Centre*, Keswick, 7.30.

Organ recital by John Slater; Farnborough Abbey, Surrey, 8.

Stroud Festival: recital by David Perks (cello) and Catherine Edwards (piano); Stroud High School for Girls, Glos, 2.30.

Piano recital by Kenneth van Barthold; St Mary's Convent, *Shaftesbury, Dorset*, 7.45.

Talks, lectures

People and Places: studies in 19th century Cirencester, by Jean Welsford; Corinium Museum, Park St, Cirencester, Glos, 7.30.

American Arts and Crafts: Tiffany, Lloyd Wright and Rookwood, by K. Hazell; Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, Edinburgh, 2.

Civic Pride: public buildings in Newcastle: 1820-1850, by Andrew Greg; Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30.

Holiday in New Zealand, by Eric King, Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Rd, 1.45.

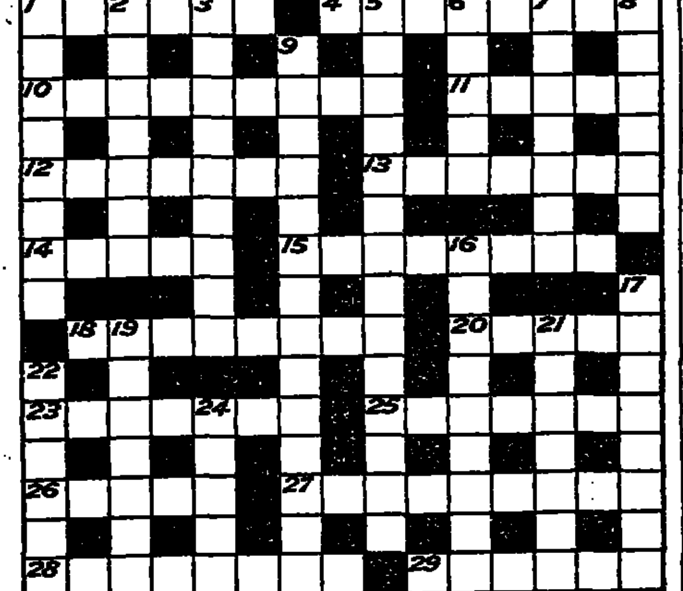
The Stradivarius Secret: the scientific assessment of violin quality, by Dr C. E. Cough, Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, Birmingham University, 11.

General

Bristol Festival for Children: Children's Book Fair; Victoria Rooms, 10 to 7 daily; (ends Oct 20); photography workshop; Victoria Rooms, 10.30am to 12.30pm; (ends Oct 19); Bristol.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,563

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 16 of the 18 competitors in the 1984 national final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Stopper the pretender left out (6).
4 Cut board out for removal man (8).
10 Relax in this seat after playing cards (4-5).
11 Some baby smiling – would gorgeous describe it? (5).
12 Pot or dish of meat could be his (7).
13 We hear you arranged to listen to the instrument (7).
14 The fish for a miserly person when cheap (5).
15 He doesn't believe in anything revolutionary (8).
18 Sinister delivery from Peking – bringing a duck perhaps? (8).
20 Teacher's conduct (5).
23 Dress for wearing under a gown (7).
25 *General drawback of islands* (7).
26 Huge musical production jettisoned – mad action (5).
27 The narrow-minded about to form a separatist element (9).
28 Horse-race switch in bad verse gets the bird (8).
29 A strange boy, but he can be such a favourite! (4-2).

DOWN

1 Man of religion is silent under Billy the Sailor (8).
2 Flower – if such a variety is one (7).
3 Clue, perhaps, to plan with new kind of geometry (9).
5 How youngest sons got landed with Southwark language (7-7).
6 Burmese Solomon? (5).
7 Poetic shepherd gets kind of shirty with son (7).
8 Find a seat (6).
9 Mobile launcher for diving bells, we hear (7-7).
16 Given the V-sign? (9).
17 Football field with metal support for the cross bars (8).
19 Usual practice at the animal home (7).
21 Warm places, one of them famous for cricket (7).
22 Christmas or Easter, for example, is set down (6).
24 Title for Remus (not relating to Romulus) (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,562

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Parliament today

Lords (2.30): Co-operative Development Agency, and Industrial Development Bill, Report. Debate on *EEC Committee Report* on motor vehicles. Debate on RAF Trainer Aircraft.

Anniversaries

Births: John Wilkes, journalist and politician, London, 1727; Adolphe Felix Cals, painter, Paris, 1810.

Deaths: Sir Philip Sidney, soldier, statesman and Poet, Arnhem, Netherlands, 1586; Fréderic Chopin, Paris, 1849; Patrice, Comte de Mac Mahon, president of France, 1873-79, Loiret, France, 1893.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

An Omelette and a Glass of Wine, by Elizabeth David (Hale, £9.95)
Bernard Lovell, a biography, by Dudley Saward (Hale, £12.95)
Burke's Royal Palaces of Europe, by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd (Burke's Peerage, £12.95)
E. B. White, a biography, by Scott Elledge (Norton, £9.95)
Empires of the Sky, The Politics, Contests and Cartels of World Airlines, by Anthony Sampson (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95)
Poetry and Politics of the English Renaissance, by David Norbrook (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £15.95)
The Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto 1941-1944, edited by Lucjan Dobroszycki (Yale, £25)
The Everyman Book of Light Verse, edited by Robert Robinson (Dent, £12.95)
The Leavises, Recollections & Impressions, edited by Denys Thompson (Cambridge, £15)
Tomb of the Eagles, A Window on Stone Age Tribal Britain, by John W Hedges (John Murray, £12.50)

PH

Roads

***Wales and West: A4080:** Only* one lane with 24 hour traffic lights on Menai Bridge, Gwynedd. **A40:** New one way system on Suffolk Rd, Cheltenham, Glos; eastbound traffic diverted. **A394:** Roadworks between Penryn and Helston at Herniss and Rame, Cornwall.

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow from Junction 16 (Northampton) to 18 (Rugby); speed restriction; no exit northbound or entry southbound at junction 18. **A45:** Temporary signals between Cambridge and St Neots, Cambridgeshire.

The North: A69: The bridge over Chainley Burn in Bardon Mill is closed; diversion signed. **A61:** Severe delays due to new sewerage scheme, *Wakefield Rd, Barnsley*. **A1:** Roadworks on Felton bypass; delays.

Scotland: A978: City of Aberdeen: Waverley Place and Albert St closed. **A82:** Road subsidence S of Ardlui: single line traffic with lights. **A85: Dundee:** Single lane traffic along Riverside Drive at Dundee Airport.

Information supplied by the AA

Good news for bats

The Fauna & Flora Preservation Society, which has been taking an interest in some of the less obviously attractive members of the animal kingdom, has started a newsletter with the self-explanatory title *Bat News*. Details from FFPS, C/o London Zoo, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY; tel: 01-586 0872.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.50	1.43
Austria Sch	27.55	26.15
Belgium Fr	79.75	75.75
Canada $	1.65	1.58
Denmark Kr	14.12	13.42
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.70
France Fr	11.90	11.40
Germany DM	3.92	3.73
Greece Dr	158.00	150.00
Hongkong $	9.85	9.25
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2395.00	2285.00
Japan Yen	314.00	298.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.20
Norway Kr	11.28	10.70
Portugal Esc	203.00	194.00
South Africa Rd	2.23	2.09
Spain Pta	215.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	10.93	10.43
Switzerland Fr	3.21	3.05
USA $	1.26	1.20
Yugoslavia Dnr	268.00	158.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 355.5.

London: The *FT* index closed down 15.0 at 865.6.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the break down of talks between the Coal Board and the NUM, says: "Both sides blamed the other for the breakdown. But neither had much to say about the damage which this tragic dispute is doing to their industry – and the country." The paper adds: If fearsome facts like these aren't enough to force Mssrs *Scargill and McGregor to reach a* compromise, then it is hard to imagine what will – or to calculate how much more damage will be caused in the meantime."

The Daily Express says: "The abortive Acas talks confirm, presumably even for the Bishop of Durham, that Arthur Scargill will be satisfied with nothing less than total *victory." The paper goes on to say* that the victory he seeks is victory over the rule of law. It adds: "The Government fought hard to put its laws curbing union thuggery into the statute book. By its reluctance to use the legislation it risks bringing not only these laws into disrepute, but all laws."

The Daily Mirror, however, says: "After a seven-month strike, the miners have an industrial victory in their grasp. But Mr Scargill wants a political victory." It adds: "At a time when Britain desperately needs an alternative to the present Tory Government, Mr Scargill is impeding any hope of it." The paper says: "There is now no industrial reason why this strike should go on. Only a political one. And that is the worst reason of all."

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

Weather forecast

A weak trough of low pressure will move SE across England and Wales.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N, NE England, East Anglia, EW Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, mostly dry; wind SW mostly moderate; max temp 16c (61f).

SW, NW England, S, N Wales, Lake District: Cloudy, rain or drizzle at times, becoming brighter drier later; wind S moderate; max temp 15c (61f).

Isle of Man, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind SW to S, mostly moderate; max temp 13c (55f).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Cloudy, a little rain at first, becoming brighter with isolated showers; wind SW moderate; max temp 14c (57f).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: *Rain spreading SW to all districts* tomorrow followed by brighter showery weather; showers dying away during Friday as further rain reaches W districts; rather cold tomorrow but near normal temperatures on Friday.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: mainly fair; visibility moderate with fog patches mostly clearing; sea slight or moderate. S English Channel (E): Wind SW moderate; visibility moderate with fog patches mostly clearing; sea slight. St Georges Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S or SW moderate increasing fresh or strong; showers; visibility moderate.

Sun rises: 7.28 am — Sun sets: 6.03 pm

Moon sets: 3.18 pm — Moon rises: 10.39 pm

Last quarter 10.14 pm.

Lighting-up time

London 6.33 pm to 7.00 am
Bristol 6.43 pm to 7.09 am
Edinburgh 6.37 pm to 7.20 am
Manchester 6.38 pm to 7.12 am
Penzance 6.57 pm to 7.19 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	13	55	Guernsey	c	11	52
Birmingham	c	12	54	Inverness	s	14	57
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	s	15	59	London	c	15	59
Cardiff	f	14	57	Manchester	c	12	54
Edinburgh	c	13	55	Newcastle	s	15	59
Glasgow	c	13	55	Ronaldsway	c	13	55

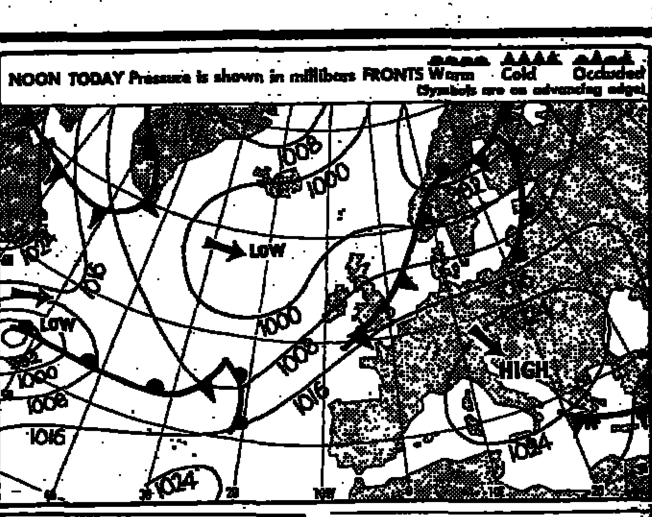
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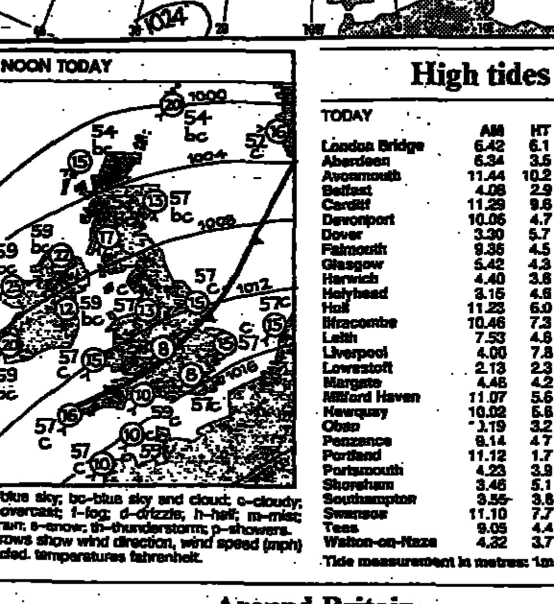
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.7 millibars. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Newcastle upon Tyne, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Fair Isle 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Benbecula, 0.43 in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 8.6 hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.42	6.1	7.10	[illegible]
Aberdeen	6.34	3.6	6.57	[illegible]
Avonmouth	11.44	10.2	–	
Belfast	4.08	2.9	4.41	[illegible]
Cardiff	11.29	9.6	–	
Devonport	10.06	4.7	10.38	[illegible]
Dover	3.30	5.7	3.51	[illegible]
Falmouth	9.35	4.5	10.08	[illegible]
Glasgow	5.42	4.3	5.47	[illegible]
Harwich	4.40	3.6	5.08	[illegible]
Holyhead	3.15	4.6	3.40	[illegible]
Hull	11.23	6.0	11.35	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	10.46	7.3	11.26	[illegible]
Leith	7.53	4.6	8.25	[illegible]
Liverpool	4.00	7.8	4.22	[illegible]
Lowestoft	2.13	2.3	2.54	[illegible]
Margate	4.46	4.2	5.14	[illegible]
Milford Haven	11.07	5.6	11.45	[illegible]
Newquay	10.02	6.6	10.42	[illegible]
Oban	[illegible]	3.2	11.09	[illegible]
Penzance	9.14	4.7	9.48	[illegible]
Portland	11.12	1.7	11.47	[illegible]
Portsmouth	4.23	3.9	4.45	[illegible]
Shoreham	3.46	5.1	4.19	[illegible]
Southampton	3.55	3.6	4.17	[illegible]
Swansea	11.10	7.7	11.49	[illegible]
Tees	9.05	4.4	9.25	[illegible]
Walton-on-Naze	4.32	3.7	4.59	[illegible]

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.5	–	15	59	Sunny pm
Bridlington	2.9	–	13	55	Sunny pm
Cromer	5.7	–	14	57	Bright
Lowestoft	–	–	15	59	Cloudy
Clacton	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Margate	–	–	15	59	Cloudy
Folkestone	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Hastings	–	–	–	–	–
Eastbourne	0.2	–	14	57	Cloudy
Brighton	–	–	13	55	Cloudy
Worthing	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Littlehmptn	–	–	15	59	Cloudy
Bognor R	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Southsea	–	–	15	59	Cloudy
Shanklin	–	–	13	55	Cloudy
Bournemth	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Poole	–	–	15	59	Cloudy
Swanage	1.0	–	16	61	Cloudy
Weymouth	0.5	–	15	59	Dull
Exmouth	–	–	13	55	Dull
Torquay	–	–	14	57	Dull
Falmouth	1.1	–	14	57	Cloudy
Penzance	0.4	–	15	59	Fog
Guernsey	4.1	–	14	57	Sunny pm
Scilly Isles	0.5	–	14	57	Cloudy
Newquay	0.6	–	14	57	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	3.4	–	17	63	Dull pm
Tenby	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Southport	1.9	–	13	55	Cloudy
Morecambe	1.1	–	13	55	Fog am
Douglas	–	–	13	55	Dull
London (Ctrl)	0.5	–	16	61	Cloudy
B'ham (Airpt)	4.7	–	16	61	Sunny pm
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.0	–	17	63	Sunny pm
Cardiff (Ctrl)	4.7	–	15	59	Sunny pm
Anglesey	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
B'pool (Airpt)	0.4	–	13	55	Fog am
Manchester	2.1	–	13	55	Cloudy
Nottingham	4.4	–	15	59	Sunny pm
N'ctl-o-Tyne	8.6	–	18	64	Sunny
Carlisle	1.6	–	15	59	Fog am
Eskdalemuir	–	–	12	54	Drzzle pm
Prestwick	0.3	–	14	57	Cloudy
Glasgow	–	–	14	57	Cloudy
Tiree	–	.12	13	55	Rain pm
Stornoway	–	.10	12	54	Rain

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F
Ajaccio*	s	22	72
Akrotiri	f	25	77
Alexandria	c	27	81
Algiers			
Amsterdam	c	15	59
Athens	s	24	75
Bahrain	s	33	91
Barbados*	f	29	84
Barcelona	s	22	72
Beirut	f	25	77
Belgrade	c	13	55
Berlin	c	9	48
Bermuda*	f	26	79
Biarritz	c	16	61
Boulogne	c	14	57
Bordeaux	c	14	57
Brussels	c	16	61
Budapest	f	13	55
Buen Aires*	s	27	81
Cairo	s	30	86
Cape Tn	s	25	77
C'blanca	f	20	68
Chicago*	c	20	68
Ch'church*			
Cologne	s	15	59
Copenhgn	f	12	54
Corfu	s	24	77
Dublin	c	14	57
Dubrovnik	s	19	66
Faro	s	23	73
Florence	s	18	64
Frankfurt	s	15	59
Funchal	s	23	73
Geneva	f	13	55
Gibraltar	s	21	70
Helsinki	s	4	39
Hongkong	c	27	81
Innsbruck	s	17	63
Istanbul	c	16	61
Jiddah	s	34	93
Jo'burg			
Karachi*	s	30	86
Las Palmas*	s	27	81
Lisbon	s	23	73
Locarno	s	18	64
L Angeles*	f	22	72
Luxembrg	f	15	59
Madrid	s	20	68
Majorca	s	22	72
Malaga	s	22	72
Malta*	f	23	73
Melbourne	f	8	46
Mexico C*	s	21	70
Miami*	s	29	84
Milan	s	19	66
Montreal*	s	18	64
Moscow	c	−1	30
Munich	c	10	50
Nairobi	f	25	76
Naples*	s	23	73
New Delhi	s	30	86
New York*	s	22	72
Nice*	s	20	68
Oslo	f	9	48
Paris	f	16	61
Peking	s	23	73
Perth	s	22	72
Prague	f	11	52
Reykjavik	f	6	43
Rhodes	s	24	75
Riyadh	s	36	97
Rio de Jan	s	24	75
Rome	s	23	[illegible]
Salzburg	c	13	[illegible]
Sao Paulo*	c	20	[illegible]
S Francisco*	s	17	[illegible]
Santiago*	s	25	[illegible]
Seoul	c	19	[illegible]
Singapore	t	23	[illegible]
Stockholm	s	6	[illegible]
Strasbourg			[illegible]
Sydney	s	20	[illegible]
Tangier	c	24	[illegible]
Tel Aviv			[illegible]
Tenerife*	s	27	[illegible]
Tokyo	c	18	[illegible]
Toronto*	s	15	[illegible]
Tunis	f	23	[illegible]
Valencia	s	24	[illegible]
Vancouver*	f	9	[illegible]
Venice		19	[illegible]
Vienna	f	13	[illegible]
Warsaw	f	9	[illegible]
Washington			[illegible]
Wellington*	d	14	[illegible]
Zurich	f	12	[illegible]

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